

THIS IS AN INFORMATION PAPER

TO: HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: TERESA MORGAN, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: MARCH 18, 2021
SUBJECT: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

FACTS: The district currently employs eleven school resource officers (SROs) with three being at the high schools, College View Campus, and EC3. Because of the increase of concern for the safety in schools, the need to employ more SROs has been reviewed. The SROs each have additional school sites which they patrol and respond to in the event of need. The state allocates money to the district for Safe Schools projects. HCS currently pay for SROs salaries through Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding (MOA/MOU) with the Hardin County Sheriff and Elizabethtown Police Departments. The district also receives federal funds through Title IV and Safe & Healthy Kids. We have been able to allocate funding towards SRO salaries through these federal funds. The combination of the Safe Schools and Title IV funds will allow the district to hire an additional SRO for the district, which will service additional students. Schools impacted from the hiring of the additional resource officer Heartland Elementary and G.C. Burkhead Elementary. This will allow the SROs at EC3, Central Hardin High School, and Bluegrass Middle School to have more focus on these respective schools.

The hiring procedures for the new SROs will remain the same as the other SROs in the district through MOA/MOU with the respective department.