

## **Memo**

**To:** Jesse Bacon, Superintendent

**From:** Sarah Smith, Director of Safe Schools

**Date:** July 16, 2023

**Re:** Memorandum of Agreement for School Resource Officers

This is a request for Board approval of the attached Memorandum of Agreement between Bullitt County Public Schools and Bullitt County Mount Washington Police Department and Hillview Police Department. This agreement will allow School Resource Officers to provide safety and security at jurisdictional schools and provide support to students and staff. This collaborative working relationship is important to ensure the safety of students and staff and a rapid law enforcement response in the event of an emergency. Eric Farris of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, has reviewed this agreement.

cc: Troy Wood, Chief Operations Officer

**OUR MISSION IS TO INSPIRE AND EQUIP OUR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN LIFE**

**BULLITT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS AN EQUAL EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT INSTITUTION**

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 24th day of July 2023, by and between the Bullitt County Public Schools (hereinafter "BCPS"), of 1040 Highway 44E, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 and the Hillview PoliceDepartment (hereinafter "the Department"), of 383 Crestwood Rd. , Louisville, KY 40229 (Bullitt County) for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the terms under which the Department will provide BCPS with the services of a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Zoneton Middle School (ZMS), Overdale Elementary School (OES) and Brooks Elementary School (BES).

### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, KRS 158.4414, authorizes the provision of school resource officer services by means of a contract to be entered into by local school districts with appropriate law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, BCPS is a body politic and corporate pursuant to KRS 160.160, with legal authority to enter into contracts;

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the Department and BCPS to provide for the services of an SRO at BCHS as set forth herein and as authorized pursuant to KRS 158.4414;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements as set forth herein below, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between BCPS and the Department as follows:

### **ARTICLE I**

It is the intent and provision of this Agreement to provide for the services of an SRO with such services to be rendered at such Board school sites as more fully described herein for a term commencing on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2024. It is expressly agreed and understood that BCPS and the Department will not be bound hereby beyond the foregoing term, however, the Parties hereto may extend this Agreement by mutual consent for future, one-year terms.

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#### **Rights and Duties of the Department**

The Department will provide a school resource officer ("SRO") and SRO services as follows:

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The SRO will be a sworn law enforcement officer. The Department shall certify in writing that the SRO has complied with the training requirements imposed by KRS 158.4414 and related Kentucky Administrative Regulations, which require at least 40 hours of in-service training each year for three years to total 120 hours. The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council must certify or recognize the in-service training for school resource officers. Failure to satisfy the training requirements could lead to the SRO's removal as required by state law and termination of this agreement. The training shall include, but not be limited to:

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- x. de-escalation strategies.

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The Officer/Officer's initial appointment and assignment is a material condition of this Agreement. After consultation with and approval of the Superintendent/Designee of BCPS, the Department will ensure that the designated SRO is qualified to serve as an SRO and submit documents sufficient to demonstrate his/her qualifications.

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(3) The SRO will provide services at appropriate schools pursuant to a schedule to be determined in conjunction with the Principal and the Superintendent of BCPS, equivalent to an eight (8) hour work day.

#### (B) Duties of School Resource Officer

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The SRO will remain an employee of the Department and will not be an employee or agent of BCPS or the School. BCPS and the Department acknowledge that the SRO will remain responsive to the chain of command of the Department.

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(A) At any time, the Superintendent, at his/her discretion and after discussion with the Department, may request that the designated SRO be reassigned or removed from the school. BCPS and the Department will then collaborate to find a mutually agreeable replacement.

(B) The Department may dismiss or reassign an SRO based upon Department Rules, Regulations, and/or General Orders and when it is in the best interest of the people of Bullitt County.

(C) However, if a mutually agreeable replacement (as referenced in Article II) cannot be found within twenty (20) business days of dismissal or removal this Agreement will be void.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Termination of Agreement**

In addition to termination by either party in writing thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the annual term hereof as provided in Article I, above, BCPS may terminate this Agreement anytime, with or without cause, in its discretion. Also, this Agreement may be terminated by the Department upon ninety (90) days' written notice that BCPS has failed to substantially perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Upon notice, BCPS will have forty-five (45) days during which to submit payment without further prejudice, and without being considered to have defaulted. This Agreement may also be terminated without cause by the Department upon one hundred (100) days of written notice.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Notices**

Any and all notices or any other communication herein required or permitted will be deemed to have been given when deposited in the United States Postal Service as regular mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

Jesse Bacon, EdD, Superintendent



Bullitt County Public Schools  
1040 Highway 44 East  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Chief William Mahoney  
Hillview Police Department.  
283 Crestwood Rd., Louisville, KY 40229

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Good Faith**

The School Board, the Department, their agents, and employees agree to cooperate in good faith in fulfilling the terms of this Agreement. Unforeseen difficulties or questions will be resolved by negotiation between the Superintendent and the Department, or their designees.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Modification**

This document constitutes the full understanding of the parties and no terms, conditions, understandings, or agreement purporting to modify or vary the terms of this document will be binding unless hereafter made in writing and signed by the parties.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Non-Assignment**

This Agreement, and each covenant herein, will not be capable of assignment unless the express written consent of BCPS and the Department is obtained in writing.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Merger**

This Agreement constitutes a final written expression of all the terms of this Agreement and is a complete and exclusive statement of those terms.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Insurance/Hold Harmless Clause**

It is understood and agreed that during the term of this Agreement and any renewal hereof, the Department, will purchase and maintain errors and omissions and general liability insurance at a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 per policy naming BCPS, and its officers and employees, as additional insureds and providing insurance coverage for all acts, omissions, and services performed by the SRO as described in this Agreement including insurance coverage for claims, suits, damages, fees or expenses (including cost of defense) arising out of any such acts, omissions and services. Further, the Department will provide written proof of said coverage prior to execution of this Agreement and any time thereafter on request of BCPS. The insurance provided by the Department will be deemed primary coverage relating to the acts of the SRO and not excess. Irrespective of said agreement and covenant, the Department will indemnify and hold BCPS and any and all of its members, agents, officers, and employees in their respective individual and official capacities harmless from any and all acts, omissions, claims, damages, fees, expenses, and legal actions of any form or description arising from the performance of duties by the SRO under this contract.

## **XIV**

### **Severability**

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions of this Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused duplicate originals of this Agreement to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

## **XV**

### **Miscellaneous Terms**

- a) The SRO will be permitted a 45-minute paid lunch period. During lunch, the SRO will be subject to emergency calls for incidents that occur at the School.
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In the event that the parties to this Agreement dispute the terms, application of the terms of this Agreement, or performance hereunder, the parties hereto agree, as a condition precedent to filing or pursuing any legal remedy, to participate in good faith in a half day of non-binding mediation, assisted by a trained neutral mediator.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto subscribed the signatures of their authorized representatives the day and year herein indicated:

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Darrell Coleman, Chair, Board of Education  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Date

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Jesse Bacon, Superintendent  
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Bullitt County Public Schools  
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## **ARTICLE IX**

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto subscribed the signatures of their authorized representatives the day and year herein indicated:

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Darrell Coleman, Chair, Board of Education  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Date

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Jesse Bacon, Superintendent  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Date

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Marcus Laytham, Chief  
Mount Washington Police Department

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Date

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 24th day of July 2023, by and between the Bullitt County Public Schools (hereinafter "BCPS"), of 1040 Highway 44E, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 and the Shepherdsville Police Department (hereinafter "the Department"), of 234 Conestoga Pkwy, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 (Bullitt County) for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the terms under which the Department will provide BCPS with the services of a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Bullitt Central High School, and a SRO covering the remaining schools, Bullitt Lick Middle, Shepherdsville Elementary, Roby Elementary, Cedar Grove Elementary Schools.

### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, KRS 158.4414, authorizes the provision of school resource officer services by means of a contract to be entered into by local school districts with appropriate law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, BCPS is a body politic and corporate pursuant to KRS 160.160, with legal authority to enter into contracts;

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the Department and BCPS to provide for the services of an SRO at BCHS as set forth herein and as authorized pursuant to KRS 158.4414;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements as set forth herein below, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between BCPS and the Department as follows:

### **ARTICLE I**

It is the intent and provision of this Agreement to provide for the services of an SRO with such services to be rendered at such Board school sites as more fully described herein for a term commencing on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and expiring on June 30, 2024. It is expressly agreed and understood that BCPS and the Department will not be bound hereby beyond the foregoing term, however, the Parties hereto may extend this Agreement by mutual consent for future, one-year terms.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Rights and Duties of the Department**

The Department will provide a school resource officer ("SRO") and SRO services as follows:



### (A) Training

The SRO will be a sworn law enforcement officer. The Department shall certify in writing that the SRO has complied with the training requirements imposed by KRS 158.4414 and related Kentucky Administrative Regulations, which require at least 40 hours of in-service training each year for three years to total 120 hours. The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council must certify or recognize the in-service training for school resource officers. Failure to satisfy the training requirements could lead to the SRO's removal as required by state law and termination of this agreement. The training shall include, but not be limited to:

- i. foundations of school-based law enforcement;
- ii. threat assessment and response;
- iii. youth drug use and abuse;
- iv. social media and cyber security;
- v. school resource officers as teachers and mentors;
- vi. youth mental health awareness;
- vii. diversity and bias awareness training;
- viii. trauma-informed action;
- ix. understanding students with special needs; and
- x. de-escalation strategies.

### Appointment of SRO

It is mutually agreed and understood that the Department will appoint

- a. Officer Cameron Leek to serve as the initial SRO at Bullitt Central High School (BCHS).
- b. Officer Todd Johnson to Serve as the SRO for BLMS, SES, CGES, and RES.

The Officer/Officer's initial appointment and assignment is a material condition of this Agreement. After consultation with and approval of the Superintendent/Designee of BCPS, the Department will ensure that the designated SRO is qualified to serve as an SRO and submit documents sufficient to demonstrate his/her qualifications.

(2) The SRO will report directly to the Department, who, as the SRO's employer and supervisor, will work with the Superintendent/Designee of BCPS to render SRO services as outlined herein.

(3) The SRO will provide services at appropriate schools pursuant to a schedule to be determined in conjunction with the Principal and the Superintendent of BCPS, equivalent to an eight (8) hour work day.

(B) Duties of School Resource Officer

(1) Instructional responsibilities/duties of SRO

The SRO will work in conjunction with Principal and certified instructors to assist in the delivery of instruction in a variety of subject areas, including but not limited to, police and their role in society; laws; juvenile and adult criminal justice systems; career opportunities in law enforcement; drug education; gang resistance education and training; teens, crime and community; conflict resolution; and other classes as permitted by scheduling and as determined to be appropriate by respective principals and school staffs. It is agreed and understood that the SRO will perform services on a “guest lecturer” basis consistent with regulations promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Education and the Educational Professional Standards Board and will do so in conjunction with and under the direction of appropriately certified teaching personnel, or will provide such services on a co-curricular or extracurricular basis as scheduling permits.

(2) Additional Duties and Responsibilities of the SRO

a) The SRO will coordinate his or her instructional activities with the Principal and certified staff members so as to allow for an orderly educational process within the respective schools served.

b) Except in an extreme emergency, the SRO will not be called away from the appointed school by the Department or his designee to handle incidents off campus. BCPS will not be responsible for paying the SRO for his/her time in responding to extreme emergencies unrelated to his/her school assignment.

c) The SRO will not be responsible for handling minor, non-priority incidents typically handled by other deputies/officers. These incidents include but are not limited to, collisions, parking lot details, traffic or fire lane violations, etc.

d) Consistent with applicable laws, including privacy laws, the SRO may exchange information about suspects, incidents, and potential problems with other law enforcement agencies.

- e) The SRO will attend and complete any training required by local, state, or federal law. The SRO will develop expertise in presenting various subjects to the students. Such subjects will include a basic understanding of the laws, the role of the police officer, and the police mission.
- f) The SRO will encourage individual and small group discussions with students based on material presented in class to further establish rapport with students.
- g) The SRO will make himself/herself available for conferences with students, parents, and faculty members to assist them with problems of law enforcement or of a crime prevention nature.
- h) The SRO will assist the Principal in developing plans and strategies to prevent and/or minimize dangerous situations that may result from student unrest.
- i) Should it become necessary to conduct formal police interviews with students, the SRO will adhere to Board Policy, Law Enforcement Policy, Kentucky Revised Statutes, and other legal requirements regarding such interviews.
- j) The SRO may, by way of the exercise of his/her discretion as a sworn police officer, take law enforcement action as required. As soon as practical, the SRO will, verbally or in writing, make the Principal of the school aware of such action. At the Principal's request, the SRO will take appropriate law enforcement action against intruders and unwanted guests who may appear at the school and related school functions, to the extent that the SRO may do so under the authority of law.
- k) The SRO will give assistance to the law enforcement officers in matters regarding his/her school assignment, whenever necessary.
- l) The SRO will, whenever possible, participate in and/or attend school functions.
- m) The SRO will not act as a school disciplinarian, as disciplining students is a school responsibility. It is agreed and understood that the principal and appropriate school staff will be responsible for investigating and determining, at their discretion, whether a student has violated school and/or board disciplinary codes or standards and the appropriate administrative action to take. However, this will not be construed to prevent the SRO from sharing information with school administration/staff, which may aid in the determination of whether a disciplinary offense occurred. Upon assignment, the SRO will be provided with copies of Board disciplinary policies and codes and the discipline codes of each school. The SRO will become familiar with

district/school disciplinary codes and standards and will meet at least annually with the Superintendent (or his designee) and each principal for the purpose of reviewing applicable disciplinary standards.

n) The Principal, school administration, or staff may advise the SRO of incidents or activities possibly giving rise to criminal or juvenile violations and the SRO will then determine whether law enforcement action is appropriate with respect to those activities occurring on school property or at school sponsored functions, which a principal is directed to report to the "appropriate law enforcement agency" under KRS 158.154 ("assault resulting in serious physical injury, a sexual offense, kidnapping, assault involving the use of a weapon, possession of a firearm in violation of the law, possession of a controlled substance in violation of the law, or damage to the property"), and those activities which an administrator, teacher, or other school employee is directed to report to the "local police department, Department, or Kentucky State police," under KRS 158.155 (such activities consisting of conduct occurring on school premises or school sponsored events which is believed to constitute a misdemeanor or violation or offense relating to deadly weapons, use, possession, or sale of controlled substances, or a felony offense), it is agreed and understood that the SRO, as an employee of the Department, is authorized to receive and appropriately act on any of such foregoing reports and the aforementioned school personnel may satisfy such reporting requirements by advising the SRO of activities believed to fall within the foregoing statutory directives.

o) The SRO is not to be used for regularly assigned lunchroom duties, as hall monitors, or other monitoring duties. However, the SRO is expected to demonstrate a presence at appropriate schools and be available and accessible. If there is a problem in such areas, the SRO may assist the school until the problem is resolved.

p) Consistent KRS 61.926, 527.020, and 527.070, as applicable, it is understood the SRO shall be armed with a firearm.

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At a minimum, before the start of every semester, the Principal and the SRO will meet to discuss and define the role of the SRO. It is essential that both parties distinguish between disciplinary conduct, which should be handled by school employees, and illegal conduct, which may, in the SRO's discretion, be handled as a law enforcement matter. While it may be

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BCPS will provide the full-time SRO with the following materials and facilities deemed necessary to the performance of the SRO's duties and the office facilities as outlined below to be provided:

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- Key fob for entry into the assigned building(s)
- Camera Access for investigative purposes
- Space permitting, the Principal may designate office space for use of the SRO. Office space is not a material condition of this agreement.

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