

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM #: VIII E **DATE:** August 11, 2023

TOPIC/TITLE: SBLEA

PRESENTER: Garet Wells GW

ORIGIN:

- TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY

- STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
- BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
- OTHER:

PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

- NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
- PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ACTION

- DATE:
- ACTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the authority granted in it under KRS 160.160 and KRS 160.290, local boards of education are authorized to establish a police department for local school districts, appoint police officers and other employees, prescribe distinctive uniforms for the police officers of the school district, and designate and operate emergency vehicles.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:

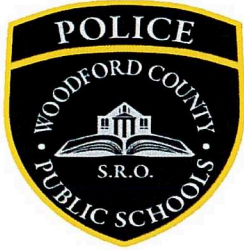
Requesting the Board approve transitioning our SROs from Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEOs) to School Based Law Enforcement Officers (SBLEAs). The would provide benefits to the District such as a decreased commission cost, reduce frequency of commissioning, and simplifying where our SRO law enforcement powers are valid.

IMPACT ON RESOURCES:

TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Recommended Not Recommended





Woodford County Public Schools Police Department		General Order Number: 2023-004
Name: Agency Authority and Jurisdiction	Effective Date:	Amends: 2019-001
KRS(s): 158.471;158.473;62.020	By the Authority Of: Steve Sutton Chief of Police	

I. POLICY

It is the policy of this agency to provide police services on the properties of Woodford County Public Schools. It is the policy of this agency that all sworn members shall take, and abide by, an oath of office. This oath includes, but is not limited to, the member's pledge to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Kentucky, and Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS), as well as a police officer's Code of Ethics and a Canon of Ethics.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Primary Responsibility

The Woodford County Public Schools (WCPS) Chief of Police and all members of the WCPS Police Department shall possess all the common law and statutory powers, privileges and immunities of sheriffs while within the jurisdiction of all property owned by or being used by the school district for appropriate educational services and extracurricular activities (per KRS 158.473.)

1. The primary response of all officers shall be on property owned by WCPS.

B. Authorized to administer the oath of office under (KRS 62.020)

- a. Any active, retired, or senior status justice or judge of the Court of Justice or active, retired, or senior status federal judge, with Kentucky jurisdiction;
- b. Any member of the General Assembly may administer an oath statewide; or
- c. Any county judge/executive, notary public, clerk of a court, or justice of the peace, within his or her district or county.