

**TO:** Dr. Jesse Bacon, Superintendent

**FROM:** Sarah Smith, Director of School Safety and Mental Health

**DATE:** January 14, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Request for Board Approval - Bullitt County School-Based Law Enforcement Agency

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This memo formally requests the Board's approval to establish the **Bullitt County Public Schools / School-Based Law Enforcement Agency (BCSLEA)**.

This establishment is a crucial step in formalizing and enhancing school safety operations within the district. Upon receiving approval from the Board, the following actions will be taken:

1. A formal request will be filed with the Kentucky State Police (KSP) to officially establish the department.
2. Bullitt County Public Schools (BCPS) will continue planning and development in collaboration with the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (KLEC), the Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS), and the Kentucky School Marshal's Office for necessary support and guidance.

The new School-Based Law Enforcement Agency will operate under the following core principles:

- **Primary Function:** Administration of Criminal Justice.
- **Officer Authority:** All School Resource Officers (SROs) will have full arrest powers.
- **Training:** All SROs will meet state-mandated statutory training requirements.
- **Budget Requirement:** A substantial portion (51%) of the budget will be allocated to support criminal justice functions.
- **Communication:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be created between BCPS and the contracted communication provider.

cc: Troy Wood, Chief Operations Officer  
Lisa Lewis, Director of Finance

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