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RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

The District recognizes that a cooperative relationship with law enforcement authorities is desirable for the protection of students and staff, maintaining a safe school environment, and safeguarding school property.

School administrators and staff shall have the primary responsibility for maintaining proper order in the schools and for disciplining students for violations of District policies and school rules. However, the Board authorizes the Superintendent/administration to seek the assistance of law enforcement authorities when they believe there is a substantial threat to the welfare and safety of the schools, students and/or staff. The Superintendent/administration shall also inform law enforcement authorities when they have reason to suspect that a student or staff member may have violated a local, state or federal law.

The Board strongly discourages law enforcement authorities from using the schools as a venue to arrest and/or interrogate students or staff for activities not related to or affecting the schools.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent and administration to work with local law enforcement authorities to develop administrative procedures to guide interactions between the schools and law enforcement. Such procedures should safeguard the rights of students, employees and parents, be consistent with Board policies, and minimize disruptions to the instructional program.

The Superintendent shall include law enforcement authorities in the development and implementation of the District's crisis response plan. The Board also encourages the Superintendent/administration to include law enforcement authorities in the development and/or implementation of instructional programs/activities related to student safety.

The Cumberland Police Department and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department are authorized to enforce all policies and rules of the District when they are serving as police for District sponsored activities.

Cross Reference: **KLG-AR – Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities Administrative Procedure**
EBCA – Crisis Response Plan
JICIA – Weapons, Violence, Theft and School Safety
JIH – Questioning and Searches of Students
JRA – Student Records

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