

**RESOLUTION ON SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIP WITH BUFFALO POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**Submitted By: Hon. Lawrence Scott, Vice President of Student Achievement, Member-at-Large**

**Co-Sponsored By: Hon. Sharon Belton-Cottman, Board President and Ferry District Board Member; Hon. Dr. Kathy Evans-Brown, Vice-President of Executive Affairs and East District Board Member; Hon. Terrance Heard, Board Member-at-Large; Hon. Dr. Ann Rivera, Board Member-at-Large; Hon. Cindi McEachon, North District Board Member; Hon. Hon. Jennifer Mecozzi, West District Board Member; Hon. Theresa Schuta, Park District Board Member Hon. Paulette Woods, Central District**

**December 18, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our schools, staff, and students, is an utmost priority of the Buffalo Board of Education (Board);

**WHEREAS**, the Buffalo Police Department (BPD) has approximately ten School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to respond to calls from any school located within the city of Buffalo-public, charter, and private;

**WHEREAS**, the BPD assign SROs to Buffalo Public Schools (BPS) sporting and extracurricular events;

**WHEREAS**, there are no SROs physically assigned to any BPS building;

**WHEREAS**, BPS security and Buffalo Peacemakers, an anti-violence and gang intervention community-based organization, work with the BPD to ensure safety of our schools and students;

**WHEREAS**, the BPS has compensated the City of Buffalo for services by the BPD personnel;

**WHEREAS**, no formal agreement, memorandum of understanding, or contract exists between BPS and the BPD;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board requests that BPS establish a formal written agreement with the BPD to be approved by the Board, and which will formally govern how the BPD and SROs will work with the District and each of our BPS buildings, in order to execute effective communication, collaboration, and, ultimately, the safety of our schools and students, and which will also detail the payments to be made to the City of Buffalo services rendered by BPD personnel;

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the establishment of this agreement include stakeholders deemed necessary by the BPS and BPD.

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