

# DERBY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## SERIES 5142.41

### Armed School Security Officers

Through the adoption of the School Security Officer (“SSO”) program, the Derby Board of Education (the “Board”) authorizes the placement of armed security guards in each of the school buildings of the Derby Public Schools to provide for the safety and security of students and school personnel during times that the Superintendents deems necessary.

The School Security Officer (“SSO”) is an employee of the Derby Board of Education (the “Board”) and shall support the school administration and staff in maintaining a safe and positive school environment. The SSO reports to the building principal, and ultimately to the Superintendent of Schools. The SSO Program involves the placement of an armed security officer within the educational environment. At the discretion of the Board, the SSOs are authorized to carry firearms in the performance of their duties as armed security officers.

The function of the SSO is to assist the administration and other school staff in promoting a safe, non-threatening school environment, including assisting in the prevention of school violence. The SSO are visible and active figures at the school to which they are assigned. The SSO shall be charged with taking steps to safeguard and protect the school community and school property. The SSO shall engage in the detection or prevention of any unauthorized activity on or near school grounds, including, but not limited to, the unlawful intrusion or entry on school property, vandalism, abuse, arson or trespass. The specific qualifications, duties and responsibilities for the position of SSO shall be those set forth in the SSO job descriptions, as may be amended from time to time in the discretion of the Board, consistent with state and federal law.

The Board’s policy and any applicable administrative regulations shall be subject to all applicable federal and/or Connecticut laws, as may be amended from time to time. In the event that any portion of this policy or the applicable administrative regulations is determined to be contrary to the provisions of any such federal and/or Connecticut law at any time, the Board shall promptly review and revise the policy and administrative regulations as may be necessary to comply with such federal and/or Connecticut laws.

The Superintendent will adopt and maintain administrative regulations to implement this policy.

#### **Policy Adopted:**