

**RESOLUTION CREATING A SCHOOL  
CORPORATION POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the safety and welfare of the students, staff and visitors utilizing Franklin Community School Corporation (“School”) facilities, the Franklin Community Board of School Trustees (“Board”) has, in the past, employed qualified police officers to act as school resource officers; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised that the law enforcement agencies that provided school resource officers will no longer be in a position to provide those officers; and,

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the safety and promote the welfare of students, staff and visitors utilizing school facilities, the Board now determines that it would be in the best interests of the School Corporation to create and staff a School Corporation Police Department pursuant to Ind. Code §20-26-16, to prescribe the duties and direct the conduct of the officers, to prescribe distinctive uniforms, and to provide emergency vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the Board will create, adopt, and implement policies and procedures to ensure individuals appointed as Officers successfully complete at least: 1) the pre-basic training course established under Ind. Code §5-2-1-9(f) and 2) the minimum basic training and educational requirements adopted by the law enforcement training board under Ind. Code §5-2-1-9 as necessary for employment as a law enforcement officer; and,

WHEREAS, Officers retained by the Board will 1) be a law enforcement officer (i.e. Ind. Code §5-2-1-2(1); 2) must take an appropriate oath of office in a form and manner prescribed by the Board; 3) serve at the Board’s pleasure; and 4) perform the duties the Board assigns; and,

WHEREAS, Officers appointed by the Board will have general police powers, including the power to arrest, without process, all persons who within their view commit any offense. They have the same common law and statutory powers, privileges, and immunities as sheriffs and constables, except that they are empowered to serve civil process only to the extent authorized by the Board; however, any powers may be expressly forbidden them by the Board employing them; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to any other powers or duties, Officers shall enforce and assist the educators and administrators of School in the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the School and assist and cooperate with other law enforcement agencies and officers; and,

WHEREAS, Officers may exercise the powers granted under Indiana law only upon any property owned, leased, or occupied by School, including the streets passing through and adjacent to School property unless additional jurisdiction is established by agreement with the Chief of Police of the City of Franklin, Indiana, the Sheriff of Johnson County, Indiana, or the appropriate law enforcement agency where School property is located.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Franklin Community Board of School Trustees that:**

1. The Board, on behalf of the School, hereby approves and establishes a Police Department pursuant to Ind. Code §20-26-16.

2. The School's Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and designated representatives are empowered and authorized to work with the School's legal representatives, consultants, contractors, and advisors ("designated representative") to establish, implement, maintain, and operate the Police Department.

3. The School's Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and designated representatives are authorized and empowered to execute any documents necessary to establish, implement, maintain, and operate the Police Department, to ensure personnel, policies, and procedures comply with and satisfy applicable laws in both form and operation, and to create and maintain the status of the Police Department under applicable laws.

4. The School shall interview, hire, and employ Officers at such time and in such manner as may be needed by the School in its discretion.

5. The School's Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and designated representatives shall have the power to perform every act necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the Police Department including the powers outlined in Ind. Code §30-5-5-2 with respect to real property transactions; §30-5-5-3 with respect to tangible personal property transactions; §30-5-5-6 with respect to business operating transactions; §30-5-5-7 with respect to insurance transactions; and §30-5-5-14 with respect to records, reports, and statements.

6. All actions heretofore taken by the School's Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and designated representatives to establish, implement, maintain, and operate the Police Department are hereby approved and ratified.

7. The School's Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and designated representatives shall have the power to perform every act necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the Police Department including, by way of illustration and not of limitation, the powers to represent the School in administrative and legal proceedings, to receive and inspect confidential information, and to perform acts the School can perform with respect to the matters relating to its Police Department.

8. The School's Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to effect the foregoing resolutions and to comply with all applicable law and regulations.

**Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.**

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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Secretary: