

Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Transitioning to Institutional Police

DATE: May 20, 2019

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Terry Morawski, Deputy Superintendent

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The Governor’s Safe School Task Force was commissioned in 2018 and conducted an extensive and comprehensive study on modern practices to keep our schools safe. Numerous recommendations were developed as a result of this commission. One recommendation in which the Arkansas Legislature took action was passing a law to allow public schools to hire their own Institutional Police Officers.

Fort Smith Public Schools is committed in providing to our students, staff and the community the most effective and professional service of protection that falls in line with the important mission of providing a safe and secure learning environment. The transition from Commissioned School Security Officers (CSSO) to police officers allows the Fort Smith Public Schools to take the protection of our students to the next level that falls in line with the promise of Vision 2023.

Date	Transitioning from CSSO to Institutional Police Officer
June 10, 2019	Institutional Police Officer Resolution
July 11, 2019	Presentation to Law Enforcement Commission (CLEST)
July 24, 2019	Institutional Police Officer Law Takes Effect
July 25, 2019	Transition begins with current CSSO
August 15, 2019	Transition Complete for start of 2019/2020 School Year

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution:

If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

Move to adopt the attached resolution in support of the District's transition to Institutional Police Officers.