

DISTRICTS RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT *Date Reviewed/Approved: 08/16/2004* *Policy Number: 5120*

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The board recognizes the importance of law enforcement authorities in providing safe schools. The board desires an effective working relationship with law enforcement. To this end, the superintendent and principals are expected to communicate the needs of the schools and work with law enforcement officials in developing joint programs and in establishing protocols for handling particular situations. The superintendent shall establish procedures for school contacts with law enforcement agencies.

The superintendent will ensure that local law enforcement and emergency management agencies have copies of floor plans of all school buildings and site plans showing campus boundaries and access points.

Resource officers will have duties as specified in a written understanding between the law enforcement agency and the schools.

Law enforcement officials are not to be used in conducting administrative investigations, including investigations to determine whether student behavior policies have been violated.

School officials are expected to cooperate in criminal investigations while minimizing disruptions to the educational environment.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47