

Report of the Superintendent to the School Board

ACTION ITEM

**Subject: MOU – Collaborative Agreement on School Discipline:
Joplin Schools – Jasper County Juvenile Division – Joplin Police Department**

A. Pertinent Facts:

- Create a positive, proactive approach to situations with increased communication between the Jasper County Juvenile Office, school administration, and the Joplin Police Department.
- Place a juvenile officer on campus at JHS to serve Joplin Schools.
- Use of arrests and referrals to the criminal justice system may decrease a student's chance of graduation, entering higher education, joining the military, and getting a job.
- Establish uniformity in the handling of incidents while ensuring each case is addressed on a case-by-case basis. The way each incident is handled by the police, school system, and/or court is dependent upon many factors unique to each child including, but is not limited to: behavioral history, present circumstances, disciplinary record, academic record, general demeanor and disposition toward others, disability or special education status, and other factors.
- Ensure all students have access to a safe and effective learning environment, the parties agree to enter into a cooperative agreement governing appropriate responses and use of resources when responding to school-based misbehavior.

B. Alignment:

- 1.2.1 90% of students will attend school 90% of the time at all levels
- 1.2.2 Learners mastering Joplin Schools' four core behaviors
- 2.1.2 Student needs are met through early intervention
- 2.1.4 Stakeholders supporting the classroom
- 3.2.3 Provide supports that meet the behavioral needs of all students

C. Data:

- 1,340 school-related status and delinquent referrals to the Jasper County Juvenile Office.

D. Stakeholder Voice:

- School administration
- JPD school resource officers
- Jasper County Juvenile Division

E. Fiscal Note:

- The District will provide an office space at JHS for the juvenile officer assigned to Joplin Schools. No other fiscal responsibilities will be needed for this agreement.

F. **Recommendation:**

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the MOU – Collaborative Agreement on School Discipline among Joplin Schools, Jasper County Juvenile Division, and Joplin Police Department.

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