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**RESOLUTION OF THE FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Establishing the Floyd County Schools Police Department**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and security of the students, staff, and visitors on the property of the Floyd County School District (the "District") is a paramount responsibility of the Floyd County Board of Education (the "Board"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board previously established a safety and security function within the District and presently employs a Director of Safety and Security who is a certified peace officer; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 20-8-5 authorizes the board of education of a county to employ school security personnel who, when certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training ("POST") Council and authorized by the Board, have the same law enforcement powers on school property, including the power of arrest, as the law enforcement officers of that county or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the school security personnel authorized under O.C.G.A. § 20-8-5 are employees of a county or independent municipal board of education and are distinct from "campus policemen" governed by O.C.G.A. §§ 20-8-1 through 20-8-4; and

**WHEREAS**, under O.C.G.A. § 20-8-5(b), certification by the POST Council is a condition precedent to the exercise of law enforcement powers, and, under O.C.G.A. §§ 35-8-8, 35-8-9, and 35-8-10, no person may perform any duty of a peace officer involving the power of arrest until that person has met the minimum qualifications, has successfully completed the required basic training course, and is certified; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 20-8-5(d) authorizes a local board of education to permit its certified school security personnel to carry a standard-issue firearm or weapon generally used for law enforcement purposes for the purpose of carrying out law enforcement duties; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's law enforcement function will constitute a "law enforcement unit" within the meaning of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act, O.C.G.A. § 35-8-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1183 requires the Board to maintain a collaborative written agreement with law enforcement officials establishing the respective roles of law enforcement and school employees in school disciplinary matters and ensuring coordination among officials, agencies, and programs, including provisions governing the handling and disclosure of student education records, student data, and personally identifiable information; and



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**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that it is in the best interest of the District to establish and control its own law enforcement unit to provide dedicated safety and security services for the District's schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Floyd County Board of Education as follows:**

- 1. Establishment.** The Board hereby establishes the Floyd County Schools Police Department (the "Department") as a law enforcement unit of the District within the meaning of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act, O.C.G.A. § 35-8-1 et seq.
- 2. Law Enforcement Powers.** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-8-5(a), the Board authorizes the Department's school security personnel who are certified by the POST Council to exercise, on District property, the same law enforcement powers as the law enforcement officers of Floyd County, including the power of arrest, subject to the conditions in Section 3 and to Board policy.
- 3. Conditions Precedent.** Consistent with O.C.G.A. §§ 20-8-5(b), 35-8-8, 35-8-9, and 35-8-10, no officer of the Department shall perform any duty involving the power of arrest, or otherwise exercise law enforcement powers, unless and until that officer (a) is certified as a peace officer by the POST Council and (b) is authorized by the Board. As permitted by O.C.G.A. § 20-8-5(c), the Board may employ school security personnel without law enforcement powers.
- 4. Firearms.** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-8-5(d), the Board authorizes the Department's POST-certified officers to carry a standard-issue firearm or weapon generally used for law enforcement purposes for the purpose of carrying out law enforcement duties, subject to Board policy and applicable training and qualification requirements.
- 5. Chief of Police.** The Board hereby creates the office of Chief of Police, who shall be a POST-certified peace officer and who shall, subject to the oversight of the Superintendent and the Board, organize and administer the Department, recommend and implement operating policies, and direct the hiring and training of officers. The Board's Director of Safety and Security, Nasier Vazquez, shall serve as Chief of Police.
- 6. State Recognition and Credentials.** The Superintendent and General Counsel are authorized and directed to submit this Resolution to the POST Council to obtain an agency identification number and to apply for an Originating Agency Identifier (ORI) with the Georgia Crime Information Center.



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**7. Collaborative Written Agreement.** The Superintendent and General Counsel are authorized and directed to negotiate and execute the collaborative written agreement required by O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1183, including the provisions governing the handling and disclosure of student education records, student data, and personally identifiable information required by law.

**8. Policies.** The Chief of Police, subject to Board oversight, is authorized and directed to develop and implement the written policies necessary for the operation of the Department, including policies governing use of force and de-escalation, arrest and detention, search and seizure, vehicle pursuit and off-campus response, firearms and annual qualification, evidence handling, records management and retention, body-worn cameras, and complaint intake.

**9. Implementation; Funding; Interagency Agreements.** The Superintendent is authorized to take all further actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including procuring equipment, vehicles, and insurance; pursuing school-safety grant funding; entering mutual-aid and intergovernmental agreements with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, the Floyd County Police Department, and other agencies as appropriate; and planning an orderly transition from any existing contracted school resource officer coverage so that coverage remains continuous.

**10. Severability.** If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**11. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED at a duly called and noticed public meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, at which a quorum was present, on the 21st day of September, 2026.



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Vote: For: \_\_\_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Danny Waits, Chairman**  
Floyd County Board of Education

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**Dr. Glenn White, Ed.D., Superintendent**  
Floyd County Schools

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**Dr. Tony Daniel, Vice Chair**  
Floyd County Board of Education

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**Mr. Steve Turrentine, District 1**  
Floyd County Board of Education

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**Dr. Melinda Strickland, District 2**  
Floyd County Board of Education

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**Mr. Jay Shell, District 3**  
Floyd County Board of Education

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**Attest: Board Clerk / Secretary**  
Floyd County Board of Education

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**I. Stewart Duggan**  
General Counsel, Floyd County School  
District

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**Notary Public**

Sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2026.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_