## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DISCOURAGING THE USE OF HANDCUFFS ON STUDENTS IN K-5 EDUCATION SETTINGS

**REQUESTED BY:** 

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PREPARED BY:

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DIRECTOR OF LAW

APPROVED:

Date

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WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education, has deemed it in the best interest of the Knox County Schools as a system that provides excellent and accessible learning opportunities that empower all students to realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 49-2-203(a)(2) provides that the Tennessee Legislature bestows the power to the Board of Education to manage and control public schools under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education through Knox County Schools seeks to integrate the most current knowledge about student trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and seeks to actively resist re-traumatization and facilitate healing; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education recognizes Knox County Schools departments and the Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Knoxville Police Department as partners in ensuring safety in our schools.; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Schools Security Department actively avoids the use of handcuffs on students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

On the date listed below, the Knox County Board of Education discourages the use of handcuffs on any kindergarten through fifth grade Knox County student; and

FURTHER, the Knox County Board of Education encourages the Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Knoxville Police Department to examine their policies regarding restraint tactics with minors, to consult with recognized medical experts specializing in trauma and children, and to devise developmentally appropriate trauma preventative practices for crisis when working with schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

TERESA HOUSTEAU-HILL

Chairperson, Knox County Board of Education

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Date: 7-30-19

Approved by Knox County Board of Education