

SCHOOL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly mandates, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 7A-343(9g), that the Administrative Office of the North Carolina Courts shall prescribe policies and procedures for chief district court judges to establish school justice partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, local boards of education, and local school administrative units with the goal of reducing in-school arrests, out-of-school suspensions, and expulsions.

WHEREAS, although school safety shall always be the main objective, the establishment of a School Justice Partnership to address non-injurious and/or non-victim student disciplinary infractions with in-school interventions, responses and/or sanctions will comply with the mandate of North Carolina General Statutes 7A-343(9g) and possibly yield the positive consequences of better school-student, school-parent, school-community relations and lower recidivism of student misconduct.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- A. To establish a Gates County School Justice Partnership Committee to discuss, consider, evaluate strategies and policies that could help reduce the number of arrests, citations, suspensions, and court referrals in response to non-emergency school infractions or disruptions.
- B. The recommended members of the Committee shall consist of:
 - i) The Gates County Superintendent of Schools or his/her designated representative;
 - ii) The Principal or Assistant Principal of each Gates County Middle, Junior High, High Schools, and Alternative Schools;
 - iii) The Chairman of the Gates County Board of Education or his/her designated representative;
 - iv) The School Resource Officer of each Gates County Middle School, Junior High School, High School, and Alternative School;
 - v) The Chief Juvenile Court Counselor of the First Judicial District;
 - vi) A Gates County Juvenile Court Counselor.

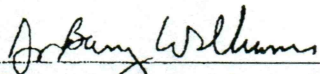
- vii) The Chief Public Defender or his/her designated representative;
- viii) The District Attorney of the First Judicial District or his/her designated representative;
- ix) Chief District Court Judge of the First Judicial District or his designated representative;
- x) A school mental health counselor if available.

C. This Committee will have one scheduled meeting in November and March of each school year to discuss the implementation of progress of, revision of, and training for those strategy and policy goals set forth in paragraph "A" above. The dates and times of these meetings are to be set by the Gates County Superintendent of Schools at the beginning of each school year to allow all members to reconcile their schedules accordingly.



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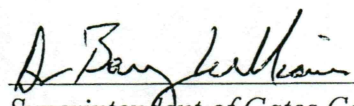
C. This Committee will have two scheduled meetings per year at 9:00 a.m. immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Gates County Juvenile Court Sessions in November and March to discuss the implementation of, progress of, revision of, and training for those strategy and policy goals set forth in paragraph "A" above.



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