

## **George Floyd and Breonna Taylor Resolution**

### **Resolution to Terminate the Contract for Services with the Delaware State Police and the Wilmington Police Department and Constables for the Services of School Resource Officers**

**WHEREAS**, the Red Clay Consolidated School District is responsible for ensuring the social-emotional health and well-being of all of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, a growing body of research shows that aggressive policing is a threat to physical and mental wellness and the District's commitment to providing "sanctuary" for students and families rings completely hollow as long as our District maintains the toxic climate created by policing, criminalization and push out; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no evidence that student safety increases with school resource officers; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows students' perceptions of safety are significantly lower in schools with more armed police presence; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of police in school is associated with higher rates of suspension and with greater racial disparity in suspension rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Clay School Board passed a resolution on August 16, 2017, establishing an Equity Committee and Policy that obligates the District to create an environment where students feel safe and protected and having law enforcement in our schools makes many students feel unsafe; and

**WHEREAS**, having law enforcement in our schools criminalizes school offenses and does not align with the commitment the District has previously made to uphold the policy passed on August 16, 2017.

**SO, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Red Clay Consolidated School District Board of Education terminates the Contract for Services with the Delaware State Police, the Wilmington Police Department, and constables for the services of School Resource Officers, and directs the Superintendent to take action necessary to terminate the contract.

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED** that the District reallocate all current and future dedicated funds for School Resource Officers, constables, and other law enforcement officers to instead fund preventative, trauma-informed interventions, such as social workers, school counselors, psychologists, and other mental health professionals.

Signed by:

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President, Board of Education

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Superintendent

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