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JCPS Board of Education
Jefferson County Public Schools
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RE: SSO/SRO

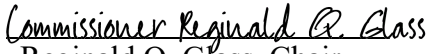
Dear Jefferson County Public School Board,


On behalf of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission, we commend you for taking action to protect students and staff while they are pursuing in educational activities in JCPS facilities. These past few weeks have been absolutely devastating for our youth who are traumatized by violence in their neighborhood which is now beginning to leak into our school system, disrupting the pursuit of education.

Your ability to compromise on a plan that will provide safety and protect our students deserves praise. We realize compromise is not easy and that there are some who wish to have metal detectors, pat downs, and officers in every school. However, we know that there are other ways to achieve positive outcomes, such as restorative justice, mental health services, and programs to help parents be able to provide a stable situation for their families. These approaches combined with the plan that you have put forth, in our opinion, would be the most effective. It not only protects students and staff but provides a sense of stability for those who have been traumatized and need refuge.

Again, thank you for your efforts and know that we stand behind you in this effort.

Sincerely,

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of the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission is to promote unity, understanding and equal opportunity among all people of Metro Louisville to eliminate all forms of bigotry, bias, and hatred from the community.