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Watson proposes resolution to review MOA with law enforcement, governing bodies

District 3 Board of Education member Daniel Watson has proposed a resolution requesting that Knox County Schools review and revise its Memorandum of Agreement with the Knoxville Police Department, Knox County Sheriff's Office, City of Knoxville, Knox County government, and Knox County District Attorney General.

District 1 Representative Evetty Satterfield has co-sponsored the resolution, which will be discussed at the Board's next meeting on Wednesday, May 5.

Revisiting the district's MOA has been a priority for Watson since elected to the Board, and he has been working on it since October 2020.

One of the core responsibilities of the district is to provide for the safety of all our students, teachers, administrators, and school personnel. Knox County Schools has partnered with KPD and KCSO to help provide for that safety since 1999.

Because Knox County Schools is committed to creating and sustaining a positive culture for all students, Watson believes that the district and Board should continually re-evaluate how they can improve that culture.

"I believe that the community plays a critical role in helping advise Knox County Schools on how safety and security are provided for within the district, and the agreements KCS has with local law enforcement agencies," Watson said.

"Should this resolution pass, I look forward to many productive gatherings with the community to elevate their desires, concerns, and ideas regarding school safety and the MOA that exists with local law enforcement agencies."

The Board of Education will discuss the proposed resolution at its work session on Wednesday, May 5, at the City County Building and vote on Wednesday, May 12, at the Andrew Johnson Building.

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