



## **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**

### **Request for Board Action**

**Meeting Date: 3/17/2020**

#### **New Business**

**Department: Strategic Partnerships    Presenter(s): Judge Calvin Hill**

**Contact(s): Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Resource Coordinator**

**Subject: Buncombe County School- Justice Partnership**

**Brief Summary:** The North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) issued a report recommending statewide implementation of the School Justice Partnership, which will be an important component of successful implementation of North Carolina's Raise the Age legislation.

Locally, this partnership is being led and convened by Chief District Court Judge Calvin Hill, with authority delegated by the AOC Director who has been authorized to prescribe policies and procedures for school justice partnerships. The School to Justice Partnership is a group of community stakeholders who develop and implement effective strategies to address student misconduct. While prioritizing disciplinary and justice responses when needed for protecting safety and addressing violence, the goal is to reduce in-school arrests, out-of-school suspensions, expulsions and referrals to the justice system.

#### **Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Authorize the Board Chair and County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for the establishment of the Twenty-eight Judicial District School to Justice Partnership.

#### **County Manager's comments and Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends authorization.