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**To: Superintendent Mike Poore
Community Advisory Board**

From: Ron Self, Director of Security

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Subject: Implementation of handcuffs and policy approval

SUMMARY

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the procedural guidelines for handling situations where School Security Officers may handcuff juveniles or adults in accordance with existing LRSD policies and Arkansas State law. The intent of the Little Rock School Security Department is to have a reasonable policy which commits to ensuring the safety of its members, students, staff, and the Little Rock School District school community.

BACKGROUND

Currently the LRSD has 74 security officers, including supervisory personnel, located in the middle and high schools as well as the patrol unit.

These security officers often times deal with violent juveniles and adults that need to be restrained in order to keep them from hurting themselves as well as others. The security officers currently have no means of doing this in a safe manner.

RATIONALE

The addition of handcuffs for the security department would result in a safe manner of restraint on violent juveniles and adults

Security officers will be issued department-approved handcuffs as well as receive additional yearly refresher training in the proper application of said handcuffs. All security officers have already gone through hand cuff certification which included an 8 hour (4-hour classroom and 4-hour hands on) training that was conducted by an Arkansas State police certified instructor. A handcuffing procedure manual will also be issued to all security officers.

FUNDING

Funding for this is minimal as all training has already been completed and only a yearly refresher will be required.