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Mayor Jacobs Issues Statement Regarding School Security

Knoxville, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs issued the following statement regarding school security and the Knox County Sheriff's Office, which he believes is one of the best law enforcement agencies in the state of Tennessee.

“In this year’s proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, at the request of the community and Knox County Schools, my office is allocating more than \$3 million to fund 50 new positions to address students behavioral and mental health issues.

“To be clear, these positions are meant to supplement and support the schools – not to replace security – as I believe a law enforcement presence inside schools is an absolute necessity.

“I am grateful Sheriff Tom Spangler and I share an unyielding commitment to student safety. We want to reassure families that we will work with the school system and the City of Knoxville to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all Knox County students.”

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