

**A RESOLUTION
BY COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL JULIAN BOND**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT (APD) STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE COLLABORATION WITH THE ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS (APS) SECURITY OPERATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, The safety and security of students, teachers, staff, parents and visitors is paramount for an efficient, effective and productive learning environment; and,

WHEREAS, A history of violence on APS campuses, as documented in numerous media reports, with particular emphasis on recent events in which teachers and students have been witness to and threatened by physical fights in classrooms; and,

WHEREAS, Although, APS and the City of Atlanta are under separate jurisdiction, the communities which both serve are one; and,

WHEREAS, The APS School Detective Program is already under the umbrella of APD's Police Operations Bureau, Criminal Investigations Division – and the further consolidation of the APS security unit under APD control would ensure that Atlanta's children citizens, who matriculate from these taxpayer-funded public facilities, would exist in a safe environment; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council expresses its concern regarding the safety of students, teachers, school personnel and others as a result of the persistent history of violence within our schools in the City of Atlanta.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Atlanta Police Department determines the feasibility of collaborating with the Atlanta Public Schools for the purpose of improving safety and security in and around APS campuses.

SECTION 2: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.