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Management Alert Report

**Baltimore City Public Schools Police Department's Maryland Police and Corrections
Training Commission Certification (MPCTC) Review**

Dear Dr. Santelises,

This management alert addresses allegations that a Baltimore City Public Schools Police officer is working as a police officer without the required MPCTC certification.

In August 2025, the Office of the Inspector General for Education (OIGE) received an allegation that [REDACTED] is a full-time law enforcement officer who is not MPCTC certified. The [REDACTED] expressed concerns about [REDACTED]'s legal authority and stated that all law enforcement officers in Maryland must obtain MPCTC certification.

Maryland Public Safety Article 3-216 states, "A law enforcement agency may not employ an individual as a police officer for a period exceeding one year unless the individual is certified by the [Maryland Police Training and Standards] Commission." Maryland Public Safety Article 3-217 also states, "An individual may not serve as a police officer when the certification of the police officer has lapsed or has been suspended or revoked by the Commission." Under Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 12.04.01.02, an agency head shall complete an Application for Certification (AFC) when a police officer is hired in Maryland, which begins the application for

provisional certification or certification. COMAR 12.04.01.03 advises that without a minimum provisional certification, police officers cannot enforce laws or carry a handgun.

OIGE learned from information provided by Baltimore City Public Schools that [REDACTED] was listed on the roster as a Baltimore City Public Schools Police Officer [REDACTED]. MPCTC does not have an AFC record for [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] lacks the required MPCTC provisional or full certification.

These compliance failures violate the aforementioned COMAR statutes. Additionally, [REDACTED]'s lack of certification prevents [REDACTED] from legally fulfilling the role of a law enforcement officer.

OIGE is referring this matter to you and Baltimore City School Police Chief Shorter for your immediate review and consideration.

Respectfully,



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