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Mike Geisel, P.E., City Administrator
City of Chesterfield
690 Chesterfield Parkway West
Chesterfield, MO 63017-0760

Dear Mr. Geisel:

Thank you for meeting with us to discuss the funding of SRO programs. As we expressed previously, we feel the SRO programs provide a positive atmosphere for our students, staff and community. SROs are vital to building a strong community and positive relationships between students and police officers. In addition, the SROs provide enhanced safety and security to our campuses and the community.

During our discussion last week, we mentioned the possible use of Prop P funding to help supplement the cost of the SRO program for our schools. We currently are provided four officers from the City of Chesterfield Police Department, and we pay 75% of their salaries and benefits. For this current school year, this is a district expense of \$294,720.

We would like to request that the City of Chesterfield thoughtfully consider lowering our cost share of this program to 50%. Parkway's estimated cost would be reduced to \$196,480. The lowering of this cost would allow us to allocate some much needed funding to enhance security at schools throughout the district. Some of the items on our wish list include 4E training for new staff and refresher for existing staff and a security system for instant background checks for visitors.

We hope you will consider this as an enhancement to our partnership and our community relationship. We are stronger together.

Sincerely,

Patricia Bedborough
Chief Financial Officer

c: Dr. Keith Marty
Paul Tandy