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To: All Superintendents & School Boards within Delaware County
From: Sheriff Craig DuMond
Subject: School Safety

As we all are aware, our communities are becoming increasingly susceptible to acts of violence as well as active shooter incidents. Due to recent incidents happening all over the country, we can no longer pretend schools are safe from these events. The students, faculty, and communities' safety is of utmost concern to me and the members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

It is in my opinion that a properly trained law enforcement officer on site at each school building would be beneficial to protect the students and faculty. I am not looking to turn schools into armed fortifications, but to provide a school resource officer in each school. This officer would interact with the kids throughout the school, and would bring a positive impact to the schools.

There are fourteen public schools, over sixty-five hundred students, and more than seven hundred faculty members in our County. When looking at those numbers, adding a Deputy Sheriff to each school would be cost effective to make sure of a safer school setting.

As we are trying to make schools safer, we are actively utilizing our preexisting School Sub-Station Program by having a Deputy increase their presence at schools and check in with staff and walk around to make sure all is going smoothly. This provides interaction between our members and school staff and students.

I would be happy to provide any resources needed to accomplish having safer schools throughout Delaware County. As a taxpayer myself, I am confident in taking the position that the public would gladly make the investments necessary to address this problem with the implementation of School Resource Officers. I urge every district in our County to consider this when budgeting for staff, and stand ready to provide whatever assistance is required.

Yours Faithfully,



Sheriff Craig S. DuMond