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RE: School Resource Officers

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The City of St. Cloud and District 742 Schools are pleased to announce that the St. Cloud Police Department will be lifting the suspension of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program starting Monday, November 6th, 2023. On that date, St. Cloud Officers will be re-assigned to their previous positions as School Resource Officers (SROs) and will report to their assigned schools for the start of the school day.

The decision for the City of St. Cloud to reinstate the SRO program, prior to a Legislative fix, did not come lightly and was in response to many factors. The several opinions of the Attorney General, the most recent guidance from the League of Minnesota Cities, the work by the Minnesota Chief's Association and the MPPOA, along with the guidance from our local County Attorney's and City Attorney have provided enough clarification and legal support to make this transition possible.

The partnership between District 742 and the City of St. Cloud has never been stronger. During the suspension of the SRO program, both entities ensured that the safety of students and staff was not compromised and that police resources for public safety concerns were both present and available. We now look forward to continuing the rich history of collaboration, programming, and services provided by the SRO's and District 742 Staff with the full re-implementation of the SRO program.