

Dear Norman Public Schools Educators and Families,

Happy Friday! Good things are happening all around us each and every day, and we hope this message finds you well. We would like to take this opportunity to share some updates that have happened since we last reached out with our previous letter. Over the last couple of weeks, we had the opportunity to meet with decision makers from around the community, including all of the Norman City Council members, Norman Public School Board members, the Cleveland County Sheriff and other city and county leaders, to discuss the School Resource Officer program. We thank all of the elected officials who give their time tirelessly to the betterment of our county, city and school district.

These meetings have ensured everyone is now working from a common baseline of information and an understanding we all, representing our individual entities, believe in providing the best safety and security resources we can in all of our schools. These meetings will be instrumental in shaping the direction in which we move. Based on these conversations, we believe that the City Council will be placing an item on an upcoming council agenda to discuss and act on funding the final four officers as listed in the Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST 2).

We are happy to report that as of last week, we now have officers at all of our schools through our county, city and school district partnership. The Sheriff's Department has successfully placed full-time SROs in all of the elementaries, marking a significant milestone in our efforts to enhance safety and security in our schools. More information about our SRO program can be found at norman publicschools.org/studentsafety.

In addition to having conversations about security in our schools, we also had the opportunity to dive into the SRO data for last school year and continued discussions around the essential mental health support needs of our students and staff. As a district we were able to share the ever-growing demands in this area, how we are addressing them and the need for this to be a part of our collective attention and action.

We wanted to share these updates with all of you to highlight the progress we are making in the hopes of ensuring our schools are as safe as possible. Your continued support, dedication and input are critical in shaping the success and safety of our students. The safety of all our children is a top priority for both our school district and our entire community, and we are all working TOGETHER toward safe and effective outcomes for all. Thank you for your understanding, input and unwavering commitment regarding our students' and staff's daily safety. We look forward to continuing this important journey together.

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