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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The safety and security of our students and staff is the greatest responsibility of the Chittenango CSD and the application of highly effective targeted resources is critical to maximizing our security, preparedness and proactive planning.

As such, I am pleased to inform you that after several months of planning the Chittenango CSD, Town of Sullivan and the Madison County Sheriff's Department are partnering to implement a School Resource Officer (SRO), in uniform and armed, within each school building of the District. Through this collaboration and financial backing by both the Town of Sullivan and the Madison County Sheriff's Department, three new School Resource Officers will be added, one each to Chittenango MS, Bolivar Road Elementary and Bridgeport Elementary School. In addition to Officer Thomas at Chittenango HS, who is a Village of Chittenango police officer with over twenty years of patrol experience in the Syracuse City Police Department and eight years as an SRO, the three new officers will be Madison County Sheriff's on Special Patrol.

A School Resource Officer acts not only as a deterrent to those who would threaten our safety, moreover these specially trained officers are an agent of school-community relationship building and positive/proactive engagement with local first responders. The deployment of this resource is representative of the resolve the CCSD has regarding student and staff safety. Furthermore, our collaboration with local partners is symbolic of the amazing community we call Bear Country.

I would like to thank our community partners, Town of Sullivan Supervisor John Becker and Trustees: Mr. Jeff Martin, Mr. Tom Kopp, Mr. John Brzuszkiewicz and Mr. Kerry Ranger; Madison County Sheriff Todd Hood and Undersheriff Rob Lenhart; Village of Chittenango Mayor Mark Pulver and Trustees: Ms. Colleen Baldwin, Ms. Elizabeth Bough-Martin, Mr. Wayne Horning and Ms. Mickey Kopp and Village of Chittenango PD Chief Fred Corey.

With great appreciation, I also commend our dedicated Board of Education, for their unwavering support of doing what is in the best interest of our students and staff. Thank you, BOE President Mr. Geoff Zimmer, Vice President Mr. Russ Wehner, Trustees; Mr. Dan Gibbons, Mr. Dan Mayer, Mr. Jamie Boswell, Dr. Siubhan Bongiovanni, Mr. Lou Cianfracco, Mr. Phil Austin and Mr. Ed Gratien.

The installment of the new School Resource Officers is anticipated to take place in the spring semester. Additional information will be distributed when made available.

Thank you, for your continued support of our collective efforts to offer the safest environment possible for our children. Together, We Are Chittenango.

Sincerely,

Michael Eiffe - Superintendent of Schools