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Our vision is to develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

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Buchanan Community Schools appreciates the continued partnership with the City of Buchanan. The city recognizes the need for the district to have an onsite School Resource Officer and has assigned an officer exclusively to the district to serve as an SRO.

While we understand the commitment and support, we also understand the financial impact this has on an organization to sustain. It has been the district's understanding to share in the financial aspects of this position. Outlined below are the plans for the district to help fund a School Resource Officer:

- A. The school district has applied for the School Resource Officer grant (97b). This grant is a 50% matching grant and will be funded for three years. If awarded, the district would receive 50% from the state of Michigan, pay 25% and the city would pay 25% of the costs (salary and benefits).
- B. In the event the district is not awarded the grant, the district would utilize safety dollars that have been outlined for all Michigan school districts (97b). We would then move to a 50/50 partnership.
- C. We know the city is planning to apply for the COPS grant when it is released. This is a 75% grant with 25% being paid through other means. In this scenario, the district would be prepared to pay the 25%.
- D. As a stop-gap measure, we are willing to pay 50% of the cost until one of the scenarios is approved. We will work with the City Manager, Heather, to list out the details.

Again we thank you for your continued support.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia L. Robinson".

Patricia L. Robinson

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