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Mrs. Patricia Robinson Superintendent **Buchanan Community Schools** 401 West Chicago Street Buchanan, Michigan 49107

RE: 2023 School Resource Officer Grant Program (SROGP) Application — SRO23-11-217

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

We are pleased to inform you that your 2023 SROGP application to the Michigan State Police (MSP), Grants and Community Services Division, Office of School Safety (OSS), has been selected to receive funding. The award for your project, pending the finalization of the Grant Agreement (contract), is \$121,712.

Congratulations on your award. Nearly \$45 million in funding requests were received for \$25 million in available funds. A panel consisting of representatives from education and law enforcement awarded the grants, giving priority to school districts, intermediate school districts, and public school academies without a school resource officer (SRO) currently in place. The panel also considered student enrollment as a factor in the awards – prioritizing those with lower enrollment.

You will receive your grant agreement (contract) and instructions on how it must be submitted back on or before February 15, 2023. Once received, it is crucial that you read through the entire contract to be sure all grant officials are aware of and able to abide by the grant requirements. Contract requirements will be enforced, and noncompliance may result in grant suspension and/or financial penalties.

Additionally, a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between your district and partnering law enforcement agency must be submitted to the OSS within 30 days of the start date of your contract (which can be from August 1, 2022, through August 1, 2023). Please see the Memorandum of Understanding Fact Sheet from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for information on developing an MOA. Remember, this is a reimbursement-only grant, and reimbursements will not be approved until our office receives your signed contract and MOA.

The MSP strongly encourages training for SROs placed under this program and will be providing Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring schools in February, May, and September 2023 as well as hosting the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) Basic SRO Course, which must be accessed through MI-Train with the course number 1107990. We will also be hosting the NASRO Advanced SRO course with details to be provided at a later date.

If you have any questions or concerns about your award, please contact the OSS at MSP-SchoolSafety@michigan.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Becker Bennett, Director

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