



Huerfano School District Re-1

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To: Huerfano County Commissioners

Fr: Superintendent Michael Moore

Re: Dedicated fiscal budget item for Huerfano Re-1

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Carl Young:

As Superintendent of Huerfano Re-1, and as a person concerned about our level of student safety on a daily basis, I am asking for your consideration of the following:

We are in a time of great concern surrounding student and employee safety, nationwide. Our district has tried to combat those fears and concerns with a School Resource Officer supplied through the goodwill of the Huerfano County Sheriff's office. Although immensely appreciated, it isn't enough as much of the time their personnel are busy attending to other law enforcement issues leaving us with no onsite presence and/or protection.

It is time to seek out our own School Resource Officer whereby we would be assured of a daily, hourly presence. This is a costly venture yet it is a must.

Due to an ever shrinking budget our school district faces, we seek your fiscal help to make this a reality. I know the great concerns you have for the safety, health and welfare of all students and citizens of our county and I am hopeful that you would consider a sustainable budget line item and dollar amount toward the salary of a Huerfano Re-1 School Resource Officer. Our budget committee has estimated it would cost approximately \$70,000 annually to entice and retain a good SRO.

I would appreciate your discussion of this request and determine what you can do to help us provide the far too important level of protection our students and employees deserve. I am also going to present this need to our mayor and city council members. I thank you in advance for your concern and eagerness to help.

Respectfully,

Michael J Moore/Superintendent