



School District of Bayfield

January 19, 2024

Dear Troller families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about a community engagement partnership that we believe will enhance the positive environment within our school district.

Beginning in February, we will have a police officer joining us in our school building one day a week. The primary goal of this partnership is to foster positive interactions between school-aged children and law enforcement officers. The presence of a police officer on the mainland campus will not only contribute to the safety and security of our school, but will also provide an opportunity for students to build positive relationships with law enforcement. We are also working on this same partnership at the LaPointe Elementary School.

The police officer will be available to engage with students, answer questions, and participate in various activities that promote understanding and trust. The intention is to create an environment where students feel comfortable approaching law enforcement officers and develop a positive perception of the role they play in our community.

It's important to note that the officer's presence is solely for the purpose of building positive relationships and ensuring a safe learning environment. They will not be involved in any disciplinary matters unless there is an immediate safety concern.

We understand that introducing law enforcement into the school environment may raise questions or concerns, and we are committed to addressing any apprehensions you may have. If you would like more information or have specific questions, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to answer your questions.

We believe that this initiative aligns with our commitment to providing a secure and supportive learning environment for all students. Your cooperation and support are crucial in making this program a success. Together, we can contribute to a community where positive relationships between law enforcement and our youth are fostered.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Respectfully,

Dr. Beth Paap/Manidoo Makwa