



# School District of Bayfield

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Dear Troller Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to inform you of a recent decision regarding our planned community engagement partnership with the Bayfield Police Department.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students, the school district had initially planned to implement a program where a police officer would be present in the building once a week. However, after careful consideration, we have decided to pause the implementation of this program.

The reason behind this decision is the district's realization that more input is needed from students, staff, and families to better understand the community's expectations, needs, and concerns regarding the presence of law enforcement in our schools. We believe it is crucial to foster a collaborative and transparent relationship between the school district and the community.

Our goal is to support a school safety plan that reflects the values, cultures, and preferences of our diverse community. To achieve this, we welcome your input. How would you like to see the district partner with law enforcement agencies? We want to ensure that everyone's voice is heard and that the resulting safety measures align with the needs and expectations of our community. Please feel free to email me with your thoughts on this topic.

Be assured that the safety of our district remains one of our top priorities. While we are reevaluating the introduction of a police officer in the building once a week, we are committed to continuing to follow our comprehensive safety plan.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this process. For those of you who reached out to voice your perspectives and solutions on this topic, I am grateful for your care and concern. Together, we can build a safer and more inclusive school environment.

Miigwech/ Thank you,

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District Administrator