



Overview of SROs at the Elementary School Level

WCPSS Safety and Security Committee Meeting

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Desired Outcomes

To receive an overview of SROs at the elementary school level, including:

- Number of SROs in WCPSS elementary schools and the municipalities in which they are located
- Historical perspective of the placement of SROs at the elementary school level
- Areas of focus, as identified by municipalities, for elementary school SROs to support



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General Facts

- Overall, there are a total of 4 SROs covering 10 elementary schools. The SROs rotate among the schools in their respective municipality.
- The town of Apex has 1 SRO assigned to cover 5 elementary schools.
- The town of Holly Springs has 3 SROs assigned to cover 5 elementary schools.
- The SROs at the elementary school level are completely funded by the respective municipality providing them.



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Historical Perspective

- Apex created 1 SRO position for the elementary school level in 2018.
- Holly Springs started providing SROs at the elementary school level in 2000. Initially, it started with 2 SROs assigned to cover 3 elementary schools.
- For the municipalities, assignment of SROs was an act in goodwill and partnership among schools, school district, and community.



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Focus Areas

Primary Areas of Focus for SROs Assigned to Elementary Schools in Apex and Holly Springs:

- Support safety and security as needed
- Build relationships within the school community
- Serve as mentors and positive role models
- Foster positive experiences between youth and law enforcement
- Promote positive school-community connections

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Areas for Consideration

- As part of the overall WCPSS Board of Education's SRO program review, consider the future direction of having SROs placed at the elementary school level.
- Determine what opportunity, as appropriate, for any future SRO MOU to include a component about SROs at the elementary school level.
- Depending on the future direction of elementary school SROs as decided by the Board, determine any difference in roles and responsibilities for SROs at the elementary school level from SROs at secondary grade levels.

Dialogue and Questions

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