



## Sun Prairie Area School District

Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Sun Prairie Area School District (hereinafter "SPASD" or "District") is the 13th largest school district in Wisconsin, serves approximately 8,500 children and employs about 1,350 staff members, and;

**WHEREAS**, the SPASD Board of Education, administrators, educators, staff, parents, and community members of the SPASD are united in our efforts to provide safe learning and recreational environments for all students, staff, parents, visitors, and volunteers, and;

**WHEREAS**, the SPASD believes that collaborative partnerships with students, parents, teachers, businesses, and the greater community lead to educational excellence, and;

**WHEREAS**, the SPASD Board of Education respects and supports the Sun Prairie Police Department's (hereinafter "SPPD") vision to "Build Relationships and Solve Problems," and see alignment with the SPASD's vision of "Every Child, Every Day," and;

**WHEREAS**, the SPPD has led the state in their approach to Community Policing and relationship building through such programs as the Summer Youth Academy, the Youth Leadership Program, Officer visits to classrooms across the school district, education on drug and alcohol abuse, internet safety, and bicycle safety, etc., and;

**WHEREAS**, the SPASD Board of Education values the SPPD's restorative justice program, which has been in place since January of 2019, and which is aimed at reducing formal charges and impacting racial disparities in the juvenile justice system, and;

**WHEREAS**, the SPASD Board of Education values the support the SPPD has given the Sun Prairie Community Schools program, which is a partnership between the City of Sun Prairie and SPASD, increasing family connectedness to the school and community, and;

**WHEREAS**, the SPASD Board of Education values the collaboration with law enforcement agencies, including initiatives such as ALICE and active shooter training, presence at extra-curricular competitions, our School Resource Officer partnership, district-wide safety plan development, etc., and;

**WHEREAS**, the SPASD Board of Education recognizes the courage and leadership of our partners in law enforcement during crises, including incidences such as the false report of an active shooter in September of 2019, the downtown explosion of 2018, and the domestic incident and school lockdown of 2016, and;

**WHEREAS**, the SPASD Board of Education and SPASD Administration understand that through a strong and proactive partnership with law enforcement agencies that protect and serve our 10 municipalities we can improve the quality of life of the students, families, staff, and taxpayers of the Greater Sun Prairie Area, and;

**WHEREAS**, The President of the Sun Prairie Board of Education signed a unanimously approved Proclamation in May 2019 recognizing the importance of law enforcement to safeguard students and staff, the importance of the Sun Prairie Police Liaison Officer roles in the district and the District's strong relationship with the SPPD, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Sun Prairie Area School District believes that school and community safety is not a political issue and law enforcement is in one of the most challenging times in history and needs the District's full support in order to have the confidence to do the job they are entrusted with, and;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Officer Down Memorial, 219 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty in the United States from January 1, 2020 to October 10, 2020.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the SPASD Board of Education reaffirms the importance of a strong relationship with our local law enforcement, including the Sun Prairie Police Department, Dane County Sheriff's Department, and our State Troopers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the SPASD Board of Education honors law enforcement officers that never returned from their last shift for their sacrifice and dedication to their profession and our protection.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Board of Education of the Sun Prairie Area School District, has passed this resolution this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Schroeder".

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Steve Schroeder, Board President