



## **CISD Regular Board Meeting Superintendent's Report November 18, 2024**

Over the weekend a local news outlet ran a story with speculative information about our school security program. Later tonight I will provide our board with information related to the state's school marshal program.

Honestly, it hurts my heart that rather give the district the benefit of the doubt and support trustees and administration for having open, transparent dialogue on school safety; social media and news outlets would fixate on false information and attempt to shame schools for trying to have a conversation about safety.

In my opinion, Carroll ISD's SRO program with the City of Southlake is the gold standard in school safety and security. Each day our City sends a school resource officer to each of our 11 campuses to ensure the safety and welfare of our students and staff. I have stated many times; our school district is fortunate to have such a strong partnership with our City and I know the families in our community love and respect the SROs on their campuses. Safety is something our trustees, administration, and city council value above all else, and at no time have there been discussions about changing this program.

However, in an era where resources for police departments can run thin. There have been times when a CISD campus has not had a school resource officer. This is reasonable. Police officers get sick, need to take personal days, and have occasional absences like everyone else. However, ultimately Carroll ISD is still required under state law to have an armed officer on every campus each day for the duration of time students are on campus. Last spring, we failed to meet our obligation to have an armed officer on a campus 15 times. Since September we have failed to meet that requirement 11 times. That means 98-99% of the time SPD is able to provide the district an SRO.

Tonight's discussion centers around district options for the 1-2% of school days when an SRO is unavailable. In an effort to be transparent, our district posted an agenda to have a public discussion about addressing what is a small hole in, and otherwise

incredibly successful partnership. I spoke with our mayor today and he reinforced to me that his number one priority for the City of Southlake and our schools is *security*. I know he and our city council remain committed to finding a way to covering our campuses 100% of the time. Until then, the responsibility to comply with state law rest with our board of trustees and this administration.

It is my sincere hope, given the importance of school safety, and the need to have open, honest dialogue about what school districts are doing to keep students and staff protected; news outlets and social media would wait to provide factual information rather than make sensational inferences to play on families' emotions. In my opinion, school safety is too important of a topic to misreport or headline a discussion as "controversial." All options should be on the table when it comes to protecting our kids.

I look forward to tonight's discussion. In the wake of tragedy's that have affected school districts across our nation, I am glad to be part of a school district that is willing to continue to have honest conversations about school security and keep the safety and welfare of our students and staff as a top priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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