

The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

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Resolution on School Resource Officers Adopted November 23, 2010

WHEREAS School Resource Officers (SROs) provide vital safety and security functions at MCPS schools in partnership with school administration and staff members. These functions include crime prevention, intervention, outreach and enforcement efforts regarding alcohol and/or drugs, gangs, thefts, assaults, and other offenses; and

WHEREAS in order for SROs to achieve these functions by working consistently and proactively (in alignment with recommendations by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education for preventing catastrophic school violence situations) we must have at least one officer assigned to every high school, with the expectation that this program will be expanded to provide support to middle and elementary schools as needed.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE:

RESOLVED that MCCPTA supports and will advocate for at least one SRO to be assigned to every high school and provide support to middle and elementary schools as needed; and

RESOLVED that MCCPTA expects improved coordination and support between Montgomery County Police Department and MCPS as well as SROs and MCPS Administration and Security at local schools, in order to provide the safe, secure learning environment to which Montgomery County school children and staff are entitled.