

Office of Superintendent

August 25, 2020

Chief Matt Harshberger  
Pittsfield Charter Township  
6227 West Michigan Avenue  
Ann Arbor, MI. 48108

Dear Chief Harshberger:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for continuing the long standing and effective partnership between the Pittsfield Police Department and Saline Area Schools. Since Saline Area Schools opened the east campus for Harvest Elementary in 2002, we have worked together to provide a safe learning environment for our students, staff, and families.

Over the last 18 years our cooperative work has led to safer and more secure environment without impacting our ability to make sure students feel valued and independent. The close collaboration between school administration and Pittsfield Police Department officers has been critical in preventing numerous unsafe situations.

In 2008 when we first started the School Resource Officer agreement with Saline High School, there was a stated goal of having an officer who would work directly with students to provide support. This has most certainly been the case. Over the years your School Resource Officers have developed positive relationships with countless students. Their positive rapport is a testament to their mindset and training.

In conclusion, it is my feeling based upon 18 years of interacting with the Pittsfield Police Department including 12 with an SRO position that the strong partnership has made for a safer and healthier environment for our school community.

Sincerely,



Scott A. Graden  
Superintendent  
Saline Area Schools



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