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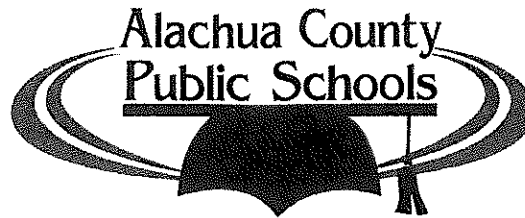
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June 8, 2015

Sheriff Sadie Darnell
2621 SE Hawthorne Rd.
Gainesville, FL 32641

Dear Sheriff Darnell:

Thank you for your letter and contract proposal of May 20 regarding the Alachua County Sheriff's Office School Resource Deputy program for the 2015-16 school year.

As I've shared previously, the district is committed to safe schools and is therefore planning to devote 100% of the Safe Schools funding it will be receiving from the state to the School Resource Officer and School Resource Deputy programs for the upcoming school year. This year that amount was \$798,000. Although we have not yet received a final allocation amount from the state, our district's Safe School funding for 2015-16 is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$800,000. Based on that amount, the contract amount included in your proposal would need to be revised.

As we discussed in previous meetings with you and Chief Tony Jones of the Gainesville Police Department, the district believes that a coordinated and customized model for allocating SROs and SRDs is needed to provide appropriate coverage for each school based on a variety of factors (student population, campus size/layout, neighborhood statistics, etc.) and within available funding. This is especially necessary in light of changes to school zoning and configurations recently approved by the School Board, such as the transfer of Waldo Community School students to Shell and Lake Forest elementary schools and the reconfiguration of Duval, Rawlings, Metcalfe, Horizon, A. Quinn Jones and Sidney Lanier schools for the upcoming school year.

As always, the district would be happy to provide you and your law enforcement colleagues from throughout the county with any information that you as the community's public safety experts may need to develop such a model.

Thank you as always for your support of our schools.

Best Regards,

Dr. Owen Roberts, Superintendent
Alachua County Public Schools

Cc: GPD Chief Tony Jones, APD Chief Joel DeCoursey, Jr., HSPD Chief Jack J. Anterio