



Southwestern Randolph Middle School

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Dear Southwestern Randolph Middle School Community,

I write to notify you that a Deputy Allen with the School Based Programs Division of the Randolph County Sheriff's Office will be partnering with a K-9 during the school day. The K-9 is a Dutch Malinois dog and his name is Cooper. We at Southwestern Randolph Middle School welcome K-9 Cooper to our campus. K-9 Cooper has been specially trained to assist Deputy Allen and the School Based Programs Division with drug detection.

As a K-9, we have been assured that Cooper should not disrupt instructional time in any way. Nevertheless, because K-9 Cooper will be at Southwestern Randolph Middle School full-time, we are taking steps to ensure a smooth transition. K-9 Cooper's handler, Deputy Allen, will be meeting with faculty and staff to discuss the presence of a K-9 on campus. In addition, I will be sending out a message through School Messenger to the entire school informing all families about the arrival of a K-9 Cooper.

K-9 Cooper should not be petted, played with, or teased while he is on campus; while at school, the K-9 is working with Deputy Allen and the School Based Programs Division. However, you or your child may still come into contact with the animal. If you or your child has any animal-related allergies or particular animal-related fears, please contact me at 336.381.3900 immediately.

Southwestern Randolph Middle School is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. If you have any concerns or questions, please communicate with us. We believe that K-9 Cooper will be a great addition to the Southwestern Randolph Middle School family, and hope you will welcome him and support this partnership with the School Based Programs Division of the Randolph County Sheriff's Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Crider".

Michael G. Crider
Principal