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### Saraland Promotes Safety with Full-Time SROs Assigned to Each School

SARALAND, AL (June 30, 2018) – On Friday, June 29, 2018, the Saraland City School Board announced a partnership with local city officials and the police department to provide a full-time school resource officer (SRO) at each of Saraland's four campuses. "Saraland currently enjoys an outstanding school system, and it is essential that we do everything possible to provide for the safety of our children," remarked Mayor Dr. Howard Rubenstein. "The City believes that working with Saraland City Schools to have a police officer assigned to each school is very important to Saraland families, and we look forward to implementing this program."

Since the independent city school system opened in 2008, Saraland's student population has more than doubled. Today, there are over 3000 students enrolled in the growing school district. Saraland Police Chief, James West reflected on the addition of SRO's, "Saraland is a family. None among us are more important than our children. They depend upon us to protect them and they deserve an atmosphere of security in their schools."

This collaborative effort between the City of Saraland and the Saraland City School Board is simply another example of the Saraland community's commitment to the safety of students. "During the 2017-2018 school year, construction of access-controlled entry points was completed at each campus and security camera systems were also expanded," added Dr. Aaron Milner, Superintendent of Saraland City Schools. "Now, through the efforts of Saraland Police Chief West, Mayor Rubenstein, and school officials we will have a highly trained and armed school resource officer in each of our schools to heighten safety for our students and staff." Few communities in Alabama have taken such a measure, demonstrating Saraland's commitment to student safety. In ten-years of operation, Saraland's vision for excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts has been documented through numerous student achievements. This latest effort will promote a safer environment in Saraland, where student success can continue to thrive.