



Eureka City Schools

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Board of Supervisors
c/o Kathy Hayes, Clerk
County of Humboldt
825 5th Street, Room 111
Eureka, CA 95501

October 28, 2021

Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for supporting a positive relationship building opportunity between our local law enforcement and students in the greater Eureka Area Schools through the allocation of Measure Z funds for a School Resource Officer (SRO). Eureka City Schools and the surrounding School Districts have been working closely with Sheriff Honsal for the past several years in an attempt to staff a SRO. Unfortunately, Measure Z funding and staffing levels with the Sheriff's office have not coincided. The Sheriff is unable to allocate a Deputy to fill the need for an SRO at this time.

Given this unfortunate development, the schools who were going to benefit from the SRO have a proposed use for the \$79,000* in Measure Z funding.

Proposal:

1. \$45,000 to be allocated to help fund the Eureka Police Department SRO supporting all schools within the city limits.
2. The remaining balance of \$34,000 will be allocated to a parent education program. We believe all families deserve an opportunity to thrive in an inclusive and safe environment. The program will be dedicated to achieving social and economic equity through education. The program will deliver evidence-based lessons, lead innovative initiatives, maintain cultural and linguistically responsive two-way communication, and above all, lift parent voices to support systematic change. An integral part of this program will be an opportunity for parents and

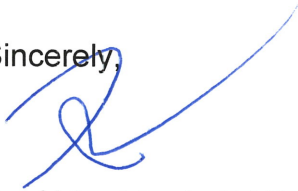
law enforcement to interact in a positive educational experience as we believe families are part of the solution to many of the problems we face in our community.

The program will be open to all parents in Humboldt County, but will focus on families whose students attend Eureka High School and schools feeding into Eureka High School.

While we recognize these proposals are different than the original application, we believe it fits the expected outcome of the ½ cent sales tax for Measure Z to support the maintaining and enhancing of Public Safety Services in Humboldt County.

If you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 707-441-2414.

Sincerely,



Fred Van Vleck, Ed.D.
Superintendent

cc: Elishia Hayes, CAO
William Honsal, Sheriff

(*Per the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Humboldt and Eureka City Schools, a quarterly budget and invoice will be submitted on October 29, 2021. The submitted budget and invoice will reflect the original proposal but it is the District's intention to use funds received to implement the above proposal, pending your approval.)