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Armed Resource Officer

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Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 12:45 PM

Dear Dr. Sousa ~

I am writing to you and the New Hartford Board of Education regarding an armed officer for the school system. I would ask that this email be read at the next BOE meeting currently scheduled for February 20, 2024.

I had the opportunity to serve on this Board for 15 years that included the attempt to close Bakerville School as the district school population did not warrant 3 schools. Actually we could have all students at Ann Antolini School. I was serving as the Chairperson of the BOE during this time. We had identified Bakerville School as the one to close as it was the oldest school and mostly a wooden structure with no fire suppression system. The portables did have a fire suppression system. I resigned from the Board when a very irate member of the public yelled and threatened me. I didn't need to be subject to that type of treatment.

I say all of this for consideration as it relates to an armed resource officer. I am opposed to having armed personnel in our schools. We as taxpayers paid to have all of the safety measures put in place. If they were used properly, we can control who accesses our school. We certainly don't need 3 officers because we don't need 3 schools. In addition to reading this to the BOE, I would ask that this email be filed with the meeting minutes of the meeting this is presented.

A concerned citizen and taxpayer ~ Sue Lundin

Sent from my iPad



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Laura Shears <glowsoulsdeep@yahoo.com>
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Thu, Feb 15, 2024 at 11:36 AM

Hello!

I just wanted to acknowledge the amazing efforts of both New Hartford Elementary and Antolini schools. Yesterday, I accidentally swapped my daughters' shoes and Valentines in their backpacks, and sent them off to their separate schools with each others items. I had no idea until we got home yesterday and they both informed me, when they told me I sent them with the wrong things, but that it was okay, because there's a "mail delivery" between the schools and that someone swapped their items for them during the day. This was just so surprising to me, so appreciated, and just another reason why I am so thankful to have my children be part of such an amazing school district.

I reached out to both principals to thank them, but wanted to make sure to express my gratitude to you, as well. Thank you for all that you, your amazing staff members and teachers, do each day for the children of New Hartford! We are such a lucky town!

-Laura Shears