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Dear Parents/Guardians,

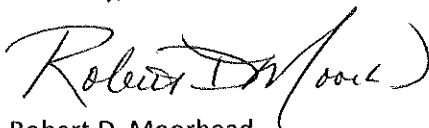
With the highest level of support from Indiana Governor Mike Pence, representatives from the Indiana State Police Department have contacted our school corporation, as well as many other school corporations across Indiana, and requested permission to have state troopers walk the halls during school hours. The state police have also offered to perform programs about general safety and various state laws as time permits during regular school hours. Our school was not chosen as a result of any study, safety concern or worry related to any pre-existing safety problem. This is part of a statewide initiative by the Indiana State Police to increase the visibility of law enforcement in Indiana schools. The benefit of this is two-fold; an added level of security for our children, and the opportunity for the student body to interact with police officers in a positive learning environment. Please keep this in mind as you may see state police cars in the school parking lots and your children may tell you about state troopers walking the hallways of their school.

We are also continuing to work with the Town of Versailles to fill the School Resource Officer (SRO) position, and appreciate the cooperation of the Versailles Police Department in being visible around school grounds and available in the interim. The state police walk through program will work cooperatively with our SRO program and will provide additional safety benefits for our students.

In closing, the main purpose of this letter is merely to inform parents and guardians of our student body about the initiative of the Indiana State Police to have a more visible presence in schools across Indiana. Our school has welcomed the presence of our local state troopers, who are part of our community, and view this as an opportunity to enhance the effectiveness of our existing school safety plan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Moorhead
Superintendent