## La Plata R-II School District

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Dear Parents/Community members,

Representatives from the Missouri State Highway Patrol have contacted our school district, as well as many other school districts across Missouri, and requested permission to have state troopers walk the halls of La Plata High School during school hours. The patrol has 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 Missouri State Highway Patrol to increase the visibility of law enforcement in Missouri 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 state troopers in a positive learning environment. Please keep this in mind as you may see highway patrol cars in the school parking lots and students may tell you about state troopers walking the hallways of their school.

In closing, the purpose of this letter is to merely inform parents, guardians and community members about the initiative of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to have a more visible presence in schools across Missouri. Our school has welcomed the presence of our local state troopers and view this as an opportunity to enhance the safety of our existing school safety plan.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call or visit me at my office. Sincerely,

Dr. Craig Noah Superintendent, La Plata R-II School District