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Subject: SRO

Ed,

We have talked about adding another SRO so that there would be a full time SRO at Venice Elementary and Venice High with a floater being able to cover either school at appropriate times. Yesterday's events at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, does not allow us the luxury to talk about adding an SRO in the next school year; There are just too many people out there who need psychological help and pose too great a threat to our youth. Although a full time SRO will not guarantee the safety of our kids, I think it is essential that we do as much as we can with the resources and current level of knowledge that we have, we cannot wait for the County or State to act.

I am requesting that we place on the next agenda, immediate funding of an additional SRO and that funds be taken from reserves if no other source can be found. We can talk with the County and State after the fact to see if the expense is reimbursable.

May God be with the families in Parkland that have suffered through this needless act of cruelty and may they find comfort through the Holy Spirit and the strength through the knowledge of life everlasting through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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