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By email: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

The Mayor and Council
The City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
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Dear Mayor Helps and Councillors:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Education regarding school liaison police officers.

Since the loss of school liaison officers was announced last Spring, our Board has regularly heard from students, parents, staff and community members expressing concerns about the loss of these valued officers.

Our Board has recently received a report that outlined the connections school liaison officers have to our students and the life changing and, at times life saving, role these officers play in our schools. It is evident that our school communities have benefited from the presence of police liaison officers.

We understand that councils have difficult decisions to make but we feel we would be remiss not to share with you how important these police liaison officers are to the health, safety and supportive culture of our school communities. We believe their continued absence from our schools will have negative long ranging impacts in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Watters", written in a cursive style.

Jordan Watters, Board Chair

Cc: Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools
Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Education