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Senate Committee on Education

On SB 465

Chris Vignery, Superintendent
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Written Testimony Only

February 14, 2024

Madam Chair and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of SB 465 for the following reason. Each year we apply for federal grants to help pay for a School Resource Officer, and each year we get denied. Having the opportunity to use capital outlay money to potentially employ a resource officer would be greatly appreciated. Even though we have programs and procedures in place, a resource officer could potentially cut down on school bullying, student vaping, and help build relationships with local law enforcement.

The bill would also allow us to upgrade some of our out of date security equipment to help secure our buildings.

Thank you,

Chris Vignery