## PATTONSBURG R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent,

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 during school hours. The highway 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 your children may tell you about state troopers walking the hallways of their school.

In closing, the purpose of this letter is merely to inform parents and guardians of our student body 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, who are part of our community, and view this as an opportunity to enhance the safety of our school.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Troy Clawson Superintendent