Mr Mayor, councillors

As the chair of the North end SRO committee for the 5 years of its existence, I have witnessed first hand the positive effects that this program has brought to our extended school communities. The programs' primary mandate of building positive relationships with North Winnipeg students, a population who had traditionally had poor preconceived notions somewhat strained relations with the service has far exceeded our expectations. Students and community members have not only accepted the SRO's but actively view them as members of their school communities.

Current activities

- one-on-one counselling with students
- speaking to classrooms or the entire school (assemblies)
- meetings with school administrators about students
- accompanying classes on team building activities
- being visible and accessible the hallways and areas around the school
- responding to criminal activity within and around school grounds.

Some observable outcomes over the last 5 years include

- neighbourhood safety can be enhanced by strengthening partnerships between and among police, schools, and the community. (Opening up the community at a level that at one time was closed.)
- SROs are effective crime prevention resources (lecture series and mentorship)
- relationships between police and youth can be strengthened via the SRO model (Grad – mentor – role model)

We support the expansion + continuation

In conclusion, the SROs currently in our 15 schools, & they have shown themselves to be a valued member of our communities, forging positive relationships with our students, helping to influence their future positive choices, as they develop into the citizens of tomorrow.