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KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DOUBLE ON-CAMPUS SAFETY PERSONNEL Deerfield Township and Warren County Sheriff's Office partnership will enhance campus security for students and staff by adding one additional full-time school resource officer

DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, Ohio – March 26, 2018 – The Kings Local School District today announced that a longstanding partnership between the Warren County Sheriff's Office and Deerfield Township will result in the addition of one full-time school resource officer beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

The new officer is a Warren County Sheriff's deputy who will provide full-time school resource officer duties for the Kings elementary buildings.

"There is no higher priority than the safety and security of our students and staff," said Tim Ackermann, superintendent of Kings Local School District. Ackermann noted that the district currently has one school resource officer headquartered at Kings High School but with responsibility for multiple locations.

The addition of a second full-time deputy will significantly expand the safety coverage the district provides to students and staff. "We are grateful for the strong partnership we enjoy with Deerfield Township and the Warren County Sheriff's Office," Ackermann said. "Knowing Sheriff Larry Sims and his team are focused on our safety allows us to keep our attention on educating."

"We are 100 percent committed to supporting our local school districts in any way we can," said Lelle Lutts-Hedding, president of the Deerfield Township Board of Trustees. "Ensuring the safety of our kids takes the watchful eye of an entire community. The township recognizes the responsibility we have every single day to keep our school campuses safe, and we are honored to work with Sheriff Sims, Superintendent Ackermann and the entire school district to do so."

"Our deputies bring the skills, training and resources of our entire department with them in their service to local students," said Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims. "These are our kids and grandkids, too, so we take this work personally and feel privileged to serve."