



August 29, 2023

Dr. Jenny Loeck, Superintendent
Roseville Area Schools
1251 County Road B
Roseville, MN 55513

Dear Dr. Loeck:

I am writing to inform you of my decision to pause renewal of the annual contract with Roseville Area Schools regarding the placement of two Student Resource Officers (SROs) in Roseville Area schools and that we will not be bringing it forward for City Council consideration at this time.

I do this with reluctance, as the partnership between the City of Roseville and the Roseville Area School District is a beneficial and meaningful relationship for the Roseville community. The decision to pause renewal of the contract in no way reflects any dissatisfaction with the ongoing partnership between the city and the school district. Instead, as we indicated in our meeting last week, the decision is based on state law changes regarding the ability of SROs to operate as a contracted employee. As outlined in Chief Scheider's attached memo, allowing Roseville officers to operate as SROs under the new law would create significant risks and liabilities to both the officer and city.

Although we are pausing renewal of the SRO agreement, we remain dedicated to student and school staff safety. We will continue to have officers respond to calls to the schools and will look for creative ways to make sure that regular opportunities occur to build relationships between Roseville officers, students, and school staff. Chief Scheider will soon be in touch with you about this approach.

We sincerely hope that in the near future the law will be modified to provide better clarity on how the new law applies to SROs and we will be able to renew our partnership. Until then, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

CITY OF ROSEVILLE

City Manager