

THE BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES'
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY
TASK FORCE

INITIAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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TOWN COUNCIL
Judy Paul
MAYOR

Mayor Christine Hunschofsky
City of Parkland
6600 N. University Drive
Parkland, FL 33067

Dear Mayor *Christine* Hunschofsky:

COUNCILMEMBERS

Bryan Caletka
Vice Mayor
District 1

I wanted to commend you for your leadership and strength that you have shown over the last month. I know how difficult this must have been for you and admire your fortitude. I wanted to share with you the action we took immediately to address safety in our schools.

Caryl Hattan
Councilmember
District 2

As a result of the tragedy which occurred on February 14, 2018 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, I initiated a call for an enhanced school safety program and increases to our School Resource Officers cadre. My council backed me as they have always been in favor of having officers in every school. The Davie Town Council at its public meeting on March 21, 2018, took the initiative to increase public safety to include School Resource Officers (SRO's) at all Davie public schools for the remaining 2017-2018 school year through a budget amendment.

Susan Starkey
Councilmember
District 3

Prior to this, there were 7 total SRO's in these schools, one in each high and middle school and 2 SRO's rotating in order to cover the 7 elementary schools. Davie has 7 elementary, 2 Middle and 3 High Schools.

Marlon Luis
Councilmember
District 4

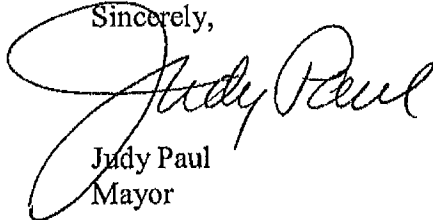
Since the tragedy, resources have been allocated for additional officer coverage at our schools. This is being accomplished through overtime and staff reassignments, which is not sustainable in the long term. The accounts being applied are contingency, police impact fees and Law Enforcement Trust Funds which will not be available for FY 2019. The goal is to initiate filling these positions as of May 1, 2018. Council recognizes the need and community support to identify additional revenue for FY 2019. This discussion will begin at the Annual Town Council Vision and Goal Session on April 13, 2018.

For the police, this amendment includes 6 sworn police officer positions, to meet the requested demand of 1 SRO in each school, Western High School has our highest enrollment (3300) and an additional SRO will be added to have 2 Police Officers at this location. We will also be seeking to add an investigative component to our FY 2019 school safety initiative. This program will provide the ability to monitor on-line threats and social media postings that potentially could bring harm to our schools. The Town of Davie is committed to the safety of our children and I feel these are steps needed to secure our community and provide a safe atmosphere in our schools.

We will also add the necessary supervisory support to oversee our school resource officer program. As for the Fire Department, this meets the need for a 3rd person on the rescue truck for each shift covering the 12 hour peak demand at our highest call demand at Station 38. The additional person on the rescue truck will allow a more concentrated response in caring for victims in any emergency situation. A number of school administrators, teachers and parents were on hand to speak and applaud our initiative which passed unanimously.

This is only one step in putting these events in perspective. I have been working on a plan that includes 6 areas of concern that I believe need to be addressed simultaneously in order to see lasting change. I hope to share it with the League's Task Force in the coming days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Paul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Judy Paul
Mayor

cc: Mary Lou Tighe, Executive Director, Broward League of Cities
Mayor Mike Ryan, Task Force Member
Commissioner Margaret Brown, Task Force Member
Commissioner Kyle Van Buskirk, Task Force Member
Mayor Josh Levy, Task Force Member
Commissioner Ken Thurston, Task Force Member