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## **Police Chief to Recommend Continuing Current School Security Measures Until End of Academic Year**

Beverly Hills, CA - Beverly Hills Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli will recommend that the City consider funding the temporary security measures that supplement the School Resource Officer program through May 31, the last day of school. The decision to recommend continuing the temporary plan came out of ongoing discussions between the Beverly Hills Unified School District and the City of Beverly Hills about the district's implementation of enhancing security measures.

The plan was adopted earlier this month by the City Council, augmenting the Department's School Resource Officer program and Youth Services Division which consists of two police officers and one detective. The City Council approved an additional three officers for a total of five officers dedicated to the schools, one for each school.

The temporary plan includes assigning one officer to each school, in addition to an Adopt-a-School officer deployment, until the district has updated security and safety plans and has more contemporary programs in place. The original 45-day plan was an aggressive timeline, and the district is making progress on safety. However, it will not be enough time to complete the basic security assessment completed by an independent firm.

The key to school safety is a three-prong approach; whereas, the Police Department and other City departments work collaboratively and in partnership with the BHUSD, students and parents.

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