

January 9, 2020

Chief Gary Ratliff
City of League City
555 W. Walker St.
League City, TX 77573

Dear Chief Ratliff,

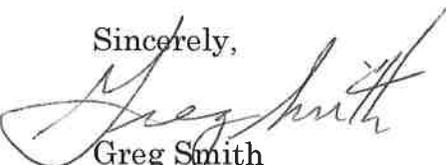
As Superintendent of Schools and a homeowner in League City I am so grateful due to our partnership with the League City Police Department as well as to you and your predecessor, Mike Kramm, City Council and Mayor Pat Hallisey.

As time has gone by over the years, churches and schools have come under attack across this great nation and our community and school district are not immune from it. In 2012 we began placing shatter resistant film on the windows around our schools because of what occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Since the Parkland, Florida and Santa Fe school shootings we have increased our communication across the district, added more support counselors to handle social-emotional issues, increased the number of sheriff liaison officers, installed Stop the Bleed Kits at each school, implemented table top and active shooter drills which includes reunification of students with parents at alternative sites, completed safety audits in all 50 facilities and we are in the process of further hardening our facilities. This comprehensive plan cost over \$30 million.

We honor and respect the first responders like yourself that are willing to lock arms with schools and protect our 42,000 school-age children and 5000 employees. I am thankful that you and several other first responders including the FBI, Coast Guard, and LCPD participated in our CCISD School Safety Committee in the summer of 2018. During those meetings we discussed a comprehensive plan to protect our children who are our most precious resource.

As we continue to explore our response to school safety I would like to let you know that we support your purchase of a mobile command post. This command post would be critical during the deployment of an active shooter event as well as other major events where a central point of command is essential to a successful response at a school, stadium, or any other community event. On behalf of our children, employees and trustees I thank you and the City Council for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Greg Smith
Superintendent of Schools