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March 13, 2019

Sandra Himmel  
Superintendent of Schools  
Citrus County School District  
1007 West Main Street  
Inverness, FL 34450-4625

Re: Guardians to Supplement SRD Program

Dear Superintendent Himmel,

Based upon Governor DeSantis's EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 19-45, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Safety Commission report and a recent letter from the Chairman of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission to all Superintendents and Sheriffs, I request to know if the Citrus County School District desires utilizing Guardians to augment our existing School Resource Deputy program. Additional augmentation at our larger schools would enhance our current efforts to provide safety for students, teachers and staff that is unparalleled.

If so, I ask that you provide the timeframe it will take to identify these individuals, when they could start their formal training and what schools they would be responsible for covering in addition to our current personnel.

If it is your desire to have Guardians, please provide the above information as soon as possible so we can start the process of building the training curriculum necessary to perform this task.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Prendergast".

Mike Prendergast, Sheriff  
Citrus County