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To: Larry Gallardo, Constable – Hidalgo County, Pct. 3
From: Martin V. Castañeda, Director for Safety & Security/Emergency Management
Thru: Lorena Garcia, Deputy Superintendent for Support Services
Cc: Dr. Carol Perez, Superintendent
Date: December 7, 2023
Re: School Resource Officer

Constable Gallardo,

Mission Consolidated Independent School District's (MCISD) Support Services team has been awarded the 2024-2025 Stronger Connections Grant from the Texas Education Agency. The grant, estimated at \$1.5 million, is set to fortify Mission CISD's commitment to fostering a safe and nurturing environment for students.

The Stronger Connections Grant, designed by the Texas Education Agency, focuses on enhancing responses to bullying, violence, and acts of hate within school communities. It also emphasizes promoting the overall well-being of students, encompassing their academics, mental health, behavioral, emotional, and physical welfare.

Mission CISD Support Services has outlined a comprehensive plan to utilize the grant effectively. The \$1.5 million will fund crucial resources aimed at providing comprehensive support for students. Among the key initiatives, the grant will facilitate the hiring of two Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC's), Intern LPC's, two social workers, and an additional School Resource Officer.

It is the intent of the Mission Consolidated Independent School District to apply some of this funding towards the addition of one (1) more Pct. 3 Deputy Constable assigned to MCISD similar to the agreement that is currently in place which provides three (3) Deputy Constables to work with MCISD in the capacity of School Resource Officers.

Respectfully,

Martin V. Castaneda

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