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Kevin,

I hope all is well in the city of Noblesville! Things are crazy busy here and with the Sheriffs Association. I have had some folks reach out to me about the ISA school project of best practices and I understand that there is some movement towards this in Hamilton County and specifically Noblesville. I thought I would reach out to you about this and send you some basic information. Recently I had the opportunity to go to parkland Florida and attend their first school safety commission meeting. I also went to the Marjory Stone Douglas campus to see first-hand how things occurred and what we could do to prevent this type tragedy from occurring here in Indiana. I came away with a completely different perspective on school safety. There are many discussions occurring today on this topic, more guns, no guns, arming teachers, more SRO's, better mental health, better detections methods, laws etc. All of these are worthy of discussion. However... they are also polarizing us from actually doing something meaningful. I firmly believe that until we secure the classroom environment and school structure as a "safe zone" for our children attending, all the other worthy topics to examine are minimized greatly. If the incident in Parkland for example occurred in a government structure, the government would then re-examine and harden the structure. We have seen this over and over. So the questions remains, why haven't we done this in our schools? The biggest argument is cost of course but how do we put a price tag on protecting our children? Government is full of waste, we all know it. If we as a society want it done, it will get done. Regardless, there are many funding mechanisms out there today at federal and state levels. I understand that the Governor has called a special session soon with from what I have been told will have to do partially with school safety. I am excited to hear what he intends!

Sorry for the long email to you on this. I have attached some documents for you along with SB147/PL 27 that came in effect in July 2017. Perhaps you have all of this but in the event you do not, its good information to have! If I can help you in any way, please don't be afraid to call or email.

Thanks so much and as I said earlier... I hope all is well!

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