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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your children have pleasantly settled into the routine of the new school year.

I would like to first, introduce myself. My name is Mark Spain and I am a Sergeant with the Watervliet Police Department. I have been a Police Officer in the City of Watervliet for 13 years and a Sergeant for 6 years. I am also the School Resource Officer for the Watervliet School District.

My role as the School Resource Officer is to primarily keep the school a safe educational environment for your children as well as the faculty and staff. I also take the role as a resource to the students to provide direction and support, referring them to organizations both inside and outside of school for issues they may be having at home or with their peers in school.

The biggest asset of the SRO is that I also operate as a street patrol officer. That allows me to bring the knowledge of issues that arise in school and give them their deserved attention on the street. I also take the street issue knowledge into the school with me in an attempt to avoid reoccurrence in the school environment.

This will be my fifth year as the School Resource Officer for the Watervliet City School District and we have been able to enhance and offer more services to a broader base of students each year. I believe this year we will continue that progress.

Feel free to stop and introduce yourself at "Meet the Teachers" night Thursday September 15, 2011 at WES for grades 3-4 6:00 PM and grades 5-6 at 7:00 PM.

The WJSHS "Meet the Teachers" is scheduled for September 22, 2011 from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM at The Dome.

Thank you for your time and continued support.