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December 2, 2022

I would like to commend Officer Kurt Boso on the excellent job he did at Groveport Madison High School on November 9, 2022. A student was wielding a firearm on the High School premises and then attempted to flee. I was very impressed with his high level of accountability to apprehend the armed student in such a dangerous and fragile situation.

I wanted to express my sincere appreciation on behalf of Groveport Madison School District Staff & Student body as a whole. Officer Boso put himself at risk to provide the best security. His attention to detail, timely response, and knowledge of necessary provisions exhibited such professionalism, bravery & courage. This incident has further shown his dedication to the mission of keeping the students and staff safe exhibiting great dimensions of leadership and dedication that do not go unnoticed.

Maintaining safety is an often-thankless job including confrontation, authority, arrest, fines, etc. But it also includes community involvement, assisting the needy, responding to requests for help and showing kids by example how to become productive responsible citizens. We appreciate all you do, day and night, 365 days a year.

In short, as emergency preparedness is always important to a community, and especially in the Groveport Madison School District, I hope you continue to stay encouraged and know that we here at Groveport Madison appreciate your commitment to the Madison Township Police Department.

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December 6, 2022

I would like to commend, Lieutenant Josh Short, on the excellent job he did August 19, 2022. On August 19, 2022 gun shots were fired at the high school football game, with any crowd quickly turning into a chaotic situation.

I would like to convey my deepest gratitude on behalf of Groveport Madison School District Staff, Students & Community who were in attendance that evening. Lieutenant Short promptly executed ownership of this emergency situation, making sure everyone was safe and unharmed. He articulated with professionalism, provided the crowd valuable direction, all while showing care and compassion for our students, parents and community.

I know his job can be made very difficult by the surrounding situations that he encounters. Yet his perseverance and commitment to protecting our students, staff, & community that night was invaluable and top-notch. I was impressed with how quickly & efficiently he expedited the emergency plan.

Thank you for your dedication Lieutenant Josh Short. Your actions are always honorable to the people you serve. We appreciate all you do to keep our Schools and Community safe.

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