

## Survey Questions from SRO Meeting on 9/14/17

1. Are you a
  - a. Parent
  - b. Staff member
  - c. Other \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Information to keep in mind while answering question 2:***

Physical security changes have been made to the building. Some of the security enhancements include:

- Check in area for parents/visitors prior to getting into the school
- Locked doors at both entrances except during student bus arrival and dismissal
- Security cameras in hallways and entrances, viewable inside the school and by police.
- Improvements in the outside walls of the building, including bullet resistant glass.

The financial cost of various security personnel are listed below, as well as the staff reductions required to fund that cost. Given budget considerations for the district and state for FY19, any security personnel cost would have to be offset by staff reductions.

- SRO: Cost \$125,000 annually. Equivalent to a reduction of 2 teaching positions.
- Retired police officer Cost estimate \$60,000 annually. Equivalent to a reduction of 1 teaching position.
- Security Guard: Cost \$40,000 annually. Equivalent to ½ to ¾ teaching position.

2. Do you think a security person is needed?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. No opinion
  
3. Based on your experience at Beecher, WHEN do you think a security person is needed?
  - a. Current timing – which includes coverage during the school year and summer programs
  - b. School year only (eliminates coverage for summer programs)
  - c. Only during arrival and dismissal times (coverage only during these times of day)

**Information to keep in mind while answering question 4:**

Definitions of various types of security personnel:

**SRO:** An armed career police officer with sworn authority who is employed by an employing police department or agency in a community-oriented policing assignment to work in collaboration with one or more schools. Current training, knowledge of current town police issues, etc.

**Retired Police Officer:** An armed retired police officer who is hired by the school District. Prior police employment, but no current police training or knowledge of current town police issues.

**Security Guard:** An unarmed security guard hired by the school District. Various levels of certification exist for this position.

4. What level of training do you feel a security person needs to be effective:
  - a. SRO (cost \$125,000 annually, equivalent to a reduction of 2 teachers) .
  - b. Retired Police Officer (cost estimate \$60,000 annually, equivalent of 1 teacher)
  - c. Security Guard (cost estimate \$40,000 annually, equivalent to ½ teaching position)
  
5. Given the current budget situation in Woodbridge, and the state of Connecticut, would you be willing to donate money to fund a security person?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  
6. What amount would you be willing to donate: \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in amount)