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Phil Keith, Director
Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice
145 N Street NE, Washington, DC 20530

Dear Director Keith:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Central Unified School District, to offer support of the Fresno Police Department's application for a School Violence Prevention Program grant.

Central Unified School District serves nearly 16,000 students from the greater Fresno community. The majority of our students are Hispanic/Latino and come from economically disadvantaged households. Although our school climate has continually improved over the years with the implementation of multi-tiered systems of support and the hiring of three school resource officers, more still can be done to improve the safety of our students' learning environment.

Fresno Police Department, in cooperation with Central Unified School District and Fresno Unified School District, has proposed the installation and utilization of the Shot Spotter system throughout the community and in neighborhoods surrounding our school district. This system will help to deter crime on and around our school sites and allow law enforcement officials to respond more quickly to emergency situations in the area.

Pending the award of COPS funding and the approval from our board of trustees, Central Unified intends to help Fresno PD exceed the matching requirements necessary for the project. We strongly encourage you to invest in the safety of our students. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew Alvarado, Superintendent
Central Unified School District