



## Indiana Association of School Principals

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Member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation,

Safe Schools in Indiana are of utmost importance to the Indiana Association of School Principals and we are supportive of the concepts advanced in Senate Bill 147. Indiana has been a leader in School Safety through many initiatives, including the School Safety Specialist Academy and the recent legislative effort to promote the use of school resource officers. SB 147 affords Indiana schools much the same opportunity by promoting best practices in networking community law enforcement with school buildings and personnel.

We are appreciative of the discussion being held on SB 147, especially as it recognizes the ability of each community and school corporation to move in this direction, rather than mandating a new approach. This allows resources, both financial and personnel, to be utilized in a best-fit scenario. This then leads to buy-in of those implementing a system that must be well understood to insure success for our students.

As SB 147 is considered by the Committee, we are happy to provide additional feedback in support of the legislation.

Sincerely,

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