

From the moment you put your child onto that school bus to the second they get off it, we expect them to be protected. The schoolhouse is a refuge from danger, a place of inspiration and a building dedicated to unlocking our children's potential. That's why Chris is sponsoring legislation to give schools the resources they need to ensure that our children are kept safe so they can learn and grow.

- Establish a school resource officer unit (A.3732).
- Provide funding for school resource officers across the state and put them under a unit of the NYS police and local law enforcement.
- Make sure schools have the resources, personnel and support to protect our children.
- Protect after-school activities and enrichment programs to be available and safe for students and allow schools to request that a school resource officer be placed in their district.
- Let students explore volunteerism opportunities and greater involvement in their communities in a safe and healthy environment.
- Ensure that the primary role of school resource officers is to improve security and public safety on school grounds.

According to a research brief on school resource officers by the Office of Research and Strategic Planning, school resource officers decrease the number of violent crimes and disorder reports over multiple years of implementation¹.

(1) https://www.jrsa.org/awards/winners/18-research-wv.pdf

