As I reflect on this past school year, my first full school year as the School Resource Officer, I am grateful for the unique position I am assigned. The staff, students, and community have been extremely supportive as well as my fellow officers at the Lake Oswego Police Department. The relationships I have been able to develop throughout the school district have been positive and many will be long-lasting. I have been fortunate to interact with some phenomenal students who demonstrate some of the best in humanity, and I feel confident that our community’s future will continue to grow with true leadership because of our youth. The staff is continuing to expand their perspective on how to ensure not only the academic growth of our next generation, but they truly care about how each student will develop into people of high character.

I want to personally thank the students for welcoming me into their space with smiles and respect. I believe the relationship between law enforcement and the general public, especially the youth population in Lake Oswego, has been improved not because of anything I have done but because of the willingness of the students to see beyond the uniform I don every day. The administrative staff at all of our schools have utilized me as a true resource to assist them with ongoing cultivation of the students and our school district. Even through difficult challenges, you all have demonstrated perseverant efforts to put the students first. I want to thank the teachers who have welcomed me into their classrooms as a guest speaker for educational topics as well as casual interaction with the students. To the district office staff, I express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and inclusion of me as part of your staff.

As we dive into this summer, I encourage all of our students to never stop learning outside the classroom. Remember what most of you have already heard me say many times throughout the school year, “Think about what you say and do before you say and do it.” Be respectful of others by respecting yourself first, and be sure to consider all of your decisions and how everything can have lasting effect on your lives whether you realize it or not. I also want to encourage parents to actively participate in your children’s lives. Have the impact on your children that they deserve, and I promise you will not be disappointed with the men and women they become in the near future.

I look forward to another great school year ahead, and I feel blessed to be your School Resource Officer. Have a safe and excellent summer!

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