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New grant provides additional school resource officers for
Greene County Public Schools

STANARDSVILLE, Va. – A new grant awarded to Greene County will provide three new school resource officers (SRO) for Greene County Public Schools.

The $176,175 grant awarded by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services will provide new SROs for the Greene County Technical Education Center, Nathanael Greene Primary School and Nathanael Greene Elementary School.

"Our school resource officers are invaluable assets to our schools, our students, and our community," said Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, superintendent of Greene County Public Schools. "This expanded partnership with the Greene County Sheriff's Office helps us provide a safe learning environment for our students as well as additional positive role models our students can look up to throughout their educational journey," said Whitmarsh.

The funds are part of a multi-year grant with a matched portion if the grant is approved in future years.

SROs are specially trained community police officers who serve as liaisons with school personnel in a cooperative effort to prevent juvenile delinquency and criminal mischief. They also serve as school safety experts and assist principals with investigations of criminal law violations occurring within the school and/or on school property.

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About Greene County Public Schools

The Greene County Public Schools District is located in historic Greene County, Virginia. We are a community of 475 dedicated and passionate educators and administrators working collaboratively with parents, families, and the community to empower over 2,800 students in grades K-12 for life-long success. Our mission is to engage all students through learning that is innovative, personalized, and relevant.