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Summary of main points for the issue/ concern:

Support for the OCDSB's decision to deny an Ottawa police officer's request to attend a grade one class uniformed and in a marked police car.

OCDSB ended School Resource Officer (SRO) program in 2021 based on human rights based evaluation that found that police presence in schools has traumatic effects on some students' mental and emotional well-being, especially students who are members of groups who are disproportionately the victims of police violence (Black, Indigenous, Middle Eastern and LGBTQ). The Board apologized to students harmed by police and should not go back on that apology.

Following the human rights based review, the Board ended its engagement with the SRO program and shifted to working with the Ottawa Police Service to meet its minimum obligations under provincial rules until further evaluation is complete.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue:

Complete the further evaluation.