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Madison Consolidated Schools: Introducing Our School Resource Officer

In the fall of 2013, Madison Consolidated Schools formed the Jefferson County School Safety Commission in coordination with local and county law enforcement agencies and all school corporations located in Jefferson County. The commission was established to assist in providing a safe and secure learning environment for all Jefferson County School Districts.

Through our partnership with the commission, Madison Consolidated Schools became eligible to submit a grant proposal for the Indiana Secured School Safety Grant. The matching grant was established by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to support the implementation of security measures that would improve the safety of our students and employees.

Madison Consolidated Schools received notification of the grant award in December 2013 and qualified for \$50,000 of matching funds. Through the state grant and our local government agencies, Lieutenant Daniel Slygh was hired as a School Resource Officer for Madison Consolidated Schools.

After graduating from Madison Consolidated High School, in 1992, Lieutenant Slygh acquired an associates degree in Law Enforcement from Vincennes University before continuing his education at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Lieutenant Slygh began his police career with the Hanover College Security Police in 1995 and was hired in 2000 by the Madison Police Department.

Lieutenant Slygh is a certified training officer through the State of Indiana and can provide training in areas of defensive tactics, firearms, as well as general police duties. Additionally, he has taught classes in community policing and traffic enforcement at Ivy Tech Community College. He also possesses counseling and problem solving qualifications that were acquired during his school resource officer training.

Madison Chief of Police, Dan Thurston, stated, "Lieutenant Slygh has demonstrated a remarkable ability for teaching the D.A.R.E. program, for building relationships with students, and for providing a framework for a positive relationship between the Madison Police Department and Madison Consolidated Schools. So many of today's youth have a negative view of law enforcement, and we want students to know that we care about them. We want to be a positive influence in their lives."

Madison Consolidated Schools welcomes our new School Resource Officer and appreciates the opportunity to create another successful community partnership.

Lieutenant Daniel E. Slygh



"My goal, as the Madison Consolidated Schools resource officer, is to educate our youth and to bridge the gap between them and the police by providing a trusting environment for our students. Most importantly, I want all members of the Madison Consolidated School community to feel safe in our schools every day." ~ Lieutenant Dan Slygh

Elementary eLearning Days

Madison Consolidated Schools is committed to ensuring that our students are thoroughly engaged in innovative, digital media experiences that effectively impact the quality of their learning. We introduced secondary eLearning days in September, and we are excited for our upcoming, on-campus elementary eLearning days as well. Adjusted dates and times will be announced soon. Teachers will be attending professional development sessions to learn "My Big Campus" and "Digital Tools" while students learn to use their iPads to create projects that involve storytelling, video editing, and video casting. Integrating technology as a classroom tool and engaging students in higher order thinking creates a contemporary, virtual learning experience for students. MCS is thrilled to expand this on-campus digital educational opportunity to our elementary students during the regular school day.



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