

I am grateful to have so much support from across our city. As announced this morning, I am honored to have the vote of Mo Seifeldin. My positions have been clear and consistent. Regarding the City Council's recent removal of SROs from our middle schools and high school, I have stated that I would not have supported the decision to remove them. While Mo and I agree about a number of causes, we respectfully do not share the same perspective when it comes to the SROs.

We have 4,200 students, plus teachers, staff, and visitors in our high school, and it's important to ensure everyone's safety. Such a decision requires a community-wide conversation in order to hear from all the stakeholders as well as a complete review of the data. Further, such an important decision should never have been made during a budget Add/Delete session.

To be clear, as I have stated to Mo and in various public forums, I am in favor of keeping the SROs in place in our middle schools and high school.

On a separate matter, I also fully support investing far more resources into mental health help for our students. It is not a zero sum game. We should have both security and increased mental health help for our students.

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