



Statement of the Paulding County School District Regarding the Tragic Shooting in the Hiram Community August 17th

The Paulding County School District wishes to express its condolences to the family of Deputy Brandon Cunningham, the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, and the entire Hiram community following the tragic shooting incident that occurred the evening of August 17th. Deputy Cunningham was a charismatic young man and a bright light in our community. We know he will be deeply missed by his family, his colleagues, and everyone he gave his life to serve and protect. As Sheriff Gary Gulledge said, Deputy Cunningham was a hero, and his heroism will always be remembered.

"The Paulding County Sheriff's Office is a close partner of the school district," said Superintendent Steve Barnette. "In this difficult time, we ask our school community to show its support for all of the Sheriff's Office deputies and support staff who work tirelessly and at great risk on our behalf each and every day. We grieve with them, and we want them to know that we are here for them."

The Paulding Sheriff's Office will have additional information regarding arrangements for Deputy Cunningham as it becomes available. Their Facebook page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/PauldingSheriff>