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VOTE
AUG. 4

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for **State Senate**

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Fremont Police Department

Township Officials,

The goals of the Fremont Public School Resource Officer (SRO) Position are vital to creating a safer, healthier school environment across all campuses of the Fremont Public School System. Our SRO program aims to prevent property damage at the school and in the surrounding area, protect students from injuries and fatalities caused by violence or drug overdoses, and reduce the need for emergency calls to 911. The program has become vital to the Fremont Public Schools and helps our community protect our most precious asset, our kids.

Over the past several years, this position has helped reduce the likelihood that students will develop criminal records through numerous preventive efforts, expanded access to social services, and fostered a stronger sense of safety and security among students and staff. We have demonstrated that this role is essential to ensuring a safer, more supportive school community, not only through promising results but also through delivery.

Additionally, this position includes numerous programs highlighted below that require ongoing effort to improve the community's quality of life. Some of the programs include:

- Mentorship programs for children with mental health challenges, tailored to their age and development.
- Truancy programs in collaboration with the Newaygo County Probate Court. Getting kids back in school is vital to our community, and we are succeeding. Diversion direct file program with the Juvenile Court and services and resources for families.
- Multi-disciplinary threat assessment teams for students in crisis, balancing the rights of the student and the community. 47 threat assessments over 2024 and 2025.
- District-wide emergency plan development for all-hazard response, in accordance with Michigan law.
- Class procedure development for staff to follow during a crisis.
- Command system and reunification plan development and training for staff.
- School drills and planning, staff training, and student understanding for Fire, Weather, Lockdown.
- Truancy Diversion and resources to reduce dropout rates.
- Residence checks for well-being and proper address for students, homeless students, etc...
- Classroom presentations and resources at staff requests.
- Community awareness campaigns to better prepare parents and community members and pass information on what to do / what not to do in crisis situations.
- Staff training and Law Enforcement training for Run/Hide/Fight and LASER (Law Enforcement response to active crisis situations).
- Community Juvenile resource for parents
- Diversion and counseling, family resources opportunities through court and Illuminate.
- Mental Health referrals and student services with various health providers.

- Working with local churches, FCRA "The Rec", and community groups on reunification and safety plans
- Vaping (nicotine) and Marijuana prevention and intervention First Time Offender Program in cooperation with Corewell Health, NC Juvenile Court, and Johnny's Ambassadors online program.
- Updating fire, weather, and lockdown drills to better fit current situations and scenarios. Dynamic drills in school to better prepare staff and students for different situations.
- Criminal and civil complaints and investigations.
- Medical Emergency Response Teams development and training with FPS and Corewell Health.
- 2024 & 2025. 282 investigations (criminal and civil) and over 750 calls for service.
- Building positive relationships with students and parents.
- VERKADA background checks for all for entry into schools.
- Audio Enhancement school safety project in Pathfinder, FMS, and Quest.
- New security access ID project for staff and visitors.
- School mapping and CAD project for safety and EOP, ICS
- Building and property risk and safety assessments
- Security and planning for large events, Graduation, school events, sporting events, etc...
- Bus incidents to and from school and at bus stops, investigations.

Since working with the kids and parents over the past 4 years, many have begun to contact our officer as a resource and for assistance with issues outside the school, due to the trust and confidence we've built, whether living in the city or the townships. Parents will approach and contact our officer due to that trust as well. Our city officer liaisons often coordinate with county and state resources to obtain services for the child, regardless of the child's address.

As funding for this program ends, we are seeking a fiscal partnership with your township, based on the number of children from your township who attend Fremont Public Schools, until other financial support can be secured through ongoing grants or funding alternatives. While we are not asking for a decision now, this introduction is intended to start a discussion, promote transparency, and address questions about whether we can continue this service for our kids with your support. We would be happy to share any data or answer any questions you may have.

From our perspective, our program serves not only the City of Fremont but also the surrounding townships that trust our city to protect their kids at the Fremont Public Schools. We hope to have the opportunity to continue and earn their support.

FREMONT SRO FUNDING FORMULA
(School Resource Officer)
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE COST-SHARING WORKSHEET

Average FY Budgeted SRO-Related Costs:	\$96,000
Donated Funds & Grants Used for Program:	<u>0</u>
Billable Total Expenditures per Formula:	\$96,000

Governmental Unit	
Fremont Public Schools (1/3)	\$32,000.00
City of Fremont (1/3)	\$32,000.00
Townships (1/3)	\$32,000.00
Totals	\$96,000

Township Units District	in FPS	2020 Census Population in FPS District	% of Total Population	FPS Students in Jurisdiction	% of Students	Township Distribution
Bridgeton Township (70%)*		1,557	18.43%	180	17.36%	\$5,725
Dayton Township (95%)*		1,908	22.58%	267	25.75%	\$7,732
Garfield Township (40%)*		993	11.75%	103	9.93%	\$3,469
Sheridan Ch Twp (100%)*		2,518	29.80%	328	31.63%	\$9,829
Sherman Twp (70%)*		1,474	17.44%	159	15.33%	\$5,244
Totals		8,450	100%	1,037	100%	\$32,000

* = % of Individual Unit's Population in Service Area similar to Fire District

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July 6, 2026

Ms. Jaime Kukal, Township Clerk
Sherman Township
2168 S. Wisner Avenue
Fremont, MI. 49412

Re: Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for
Crystal Lake Special Assessment District 2027-2036
Postmarked June 20, 2026 (no date on letter)

Dear Ms. Kukal:

Please use this letter as a protest of the special assessment as detailed in the notice: "A record ownermay file his or her ... protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required."

I protest this assessment roll for the following reasons:

1. In Exhibit A the cost detailed appears to be a continuation of the existing contract with PLM (perhaps with some adjustment). The contract for lake maintenance, etc., should be put out for bids without prejudice (meaning no comments such as not wanting the use of any chemicals or that the weeds are within acceptable limits for fish habitat).
2. As a property owner, I do not receive updates as to what areas are being treated, when and with what chemicals. No opportunity is given to "ride along", etc.
3. Per the existing PLM contract, PLM is required to provide an annual assessment to property owners and this assessment is to be completed using (now) EGLE guidelines for lake assessment. I have not seen a copy of this except one time when a copy and paste model was prepared.

4. Approximately 40 percent of the annual cost is for Consulting, Administration and Contingency. An extremely high percentage. What precisely is being done to earn this fee **annually**?
5. As a sixty-five-year family and owner on the lake, I find the water very unclear and the weed overgrowth prohibitive for swimming and boating use. This is the reason that many people swim in the middle of the lake to avoid weeds. Boats also must clear their propellor often due to overgrowth. In past years and prior to weed overgrowth, there were trophy size trout and other species in the lake. Swimming from shore was easy with a 4 feet ring of weeds before swimming clear in our part of the lake. Rafts were common and people swam from the shore to deeper water without weeds.
6. The muck layer continues to grow unabated until the lake will no longer exist.
7. The existing lake committee, in my opinion, has not exercised their fiduciary responsibility to hold PLM accountable for reporting, communicated directly and often with lake property owners (emails for most are available), and relies exclusively on postings at the township hall. No notices are put in the local paper. The exclusive use of the township posting is to effectively not communicate with owners as driving by to read postings would need to be accomplished about every other day as required time frames for meetings is short.
8. Finally, I am not assured that the existing lake committee and Sherman Township board listen to property owners and take their comments seriously and into consideration when managing the lake. Examples are the continuation of the PLM contract (apparently) without revision, no unprejudiced competitive bidding, and not seeking to understand how the lake has changed over decades. There is no effort (apparently) to bring the lake back to the status ante of 65 years ago.

Please use this letter as my protest and to preserve my right to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Sincerely,


Cynthia D Wallace