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**WISCONSIN SCHOOL SAFETY COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION**  
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Dear WSSCA Membership,

My name is Patrick Meyer and I have the honor of serving as your President in 2016. My career began in the Refrigeration & HVAC industry as a service technician and designer for 5 years before moving into the hospitality industry with a national hotel chain as a Chief Engineer at a property for almost 14 years. I moved into the public K-12 arena in 1998 and currently serve the Unified School District of De Pere as its Facility Manager.

I want to take a brief moment to thank the many people who work very hard for the association. Thank you to our Past President and Advisors. Thank you to all of the Board members and volunteers. Without all of these fine individuals we could not provide you the resources, training opportunities, networking and information that are currently enjoyed. Thank you to our newest Board members and your desire to be a part of the WSSCA family and its work. I look forward to working with you. Thank you to WSSCA Executive Director, Ed Dorff for your guidance and showing us that you are the right person to carry us forward. Finally I would personally like to thank our IT Director Bob Severson for his work behind the scenes. Your dedication to WSSCA is clearly visible.

I am truly excited to begin the work for 2016. The work to provide timely training topics to the members continues to be important. We want to create and deploy a peer to peer medium that will engage members one to another to enhance the sharing of knowledge. We are working to formalize our efficiencies as an organization so that we are ready to embrace any opportunities for recognized growth. The energy that was witnessed and felt at the Conference, from the conversations I had experienced with members of WSSCA to the outpouring of generosity at the Silent Auction tables from both the bidders and the quality of the donations, reinforce that school safety and the work of all involved in school safety is a dedicated and caring group of professionals

In closing, I want to encourage all of you to consider what your role in WSSCA may look like not only today but in the future. We need your support not only through your membership but by careful consideration on your part to volunteer when needed or to consider a campaign for election to the WSSCA Board. It could be that you share your positive experiences of WSSCA with your peers and encourage them to take advantage of the many benefits of WSSCA membership. We know that all of our members have many talents that can be shared in many different ways. I'm asking all of you to help WSSCA continue its mission of "Education First.....Safety Always."

Thank you,

Patrick Meyer  
2016 WSSCA President

**Education First - Safety Always**

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