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What is SOS? Pilot Program Spring 2018

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- Program designed to build relationships with children and officers and teach character traits to 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- A therapy dog is used to assist in relationship building and program engagement



# SOS: Pilot Program Overview

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- 825 Kids
- 5 Elementary schools
  - Faulkner
  - Brightwood
  - Pilot
  - Fraizer
  - Sedgefield
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- 28 officers
- 3 police districts and 3 council districts





# SOS: Tailored to Greensboro's needs

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- Guilford County Schools (GCS) partnership
- Program was developed with GCS to compliment with their curriculum and their social and emotional learning
- Guidance Councilors and officers pair to teach and interact with students
- Program will be evidence based
- Therapy Dog



# SOS: Curriculum

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- Understanding Feelings
- Conflict Resolution
- Acceptance of Yourself
- Identifying/Accepting consequences
- Dealing with teasing
- Dealing with being rejected or left out
- Accepting Differences in Others
- Decision Making
- Giving/Accepting a Compliment
- Following Directions
- General Safety
- Pedestrian safety
- Crosswalk safety
- Car Safety



# SOS: Successes

## What our kids said...

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- *I like when police come to my classroom*
- *I like the police uniform*
- *I feel safer now*
- *My police officer talked to me about bullying. I don't want to be a bully. I don't want to hurt people.*



# CURRENT PARTNERS & FUNDERS

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- VOLVO Corp
- Greensboro Police Foundation
- Greensboro Police Department
- Guilford County School System



## 2018-2019 Expansion:

- Next year, GPF will assist with the expansion of the SOS program in ten public elementary schools: five in the fall, five in the spring.
- Introducing Hero, our new therapy puppy

