

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for School Resource Investigator (Officer) Denton County (County) and Denton Independent School District

July 30, 2024

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a School Resource Investigator between the County and the District whereas the County provides Denton ISD with one (1) certified police officer to serve as school resource officer (SRO) assigned to Harpool Middle School and supporting Adkins, E.P. Razor, and Blanton Elementary schools.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- The Denton ISD Board of Trustees have approved similar agreements with the City of Denton, Town of Little Elm, City of Corinth, and City of Oak Point to provide SROs to our campuses in their jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- This is a continuation of service provided by the County to assist our Lantana schools with a School Resource Officer.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

-The location of Harpool Middle School and our elementary schools in the Lantana area necessitated the need to pursue an agreement with the Denton County Sheriff's Department to provide an SRO. These schools are not under the jurisdiction of a specific city or township.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

For school year 2024-25, cost will be \$137,584

- Monthly Payment Amounts: \$11,465.33(October 1 of 2024 through September 30, 2025)
- Costs will be borne by: DISD will be responsible for 100% of SRO's salary and rental cost of police vehicle.

DISD 100%	\$107,688 (salary and benefits: 2024-25)
Police Vehicle	<u>\$29,896</u> cost for police car rental, equipment, uniform, et
Total cost:	\$137,584

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- The County and the District desire to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local governmental entities by acknowledging the need for one (1) school resource investigator (SRO) and all equipment necessary for the prompt and effective utilization of such investigator.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

-None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

-It is important that Denton ISD has this partnership with Denton County to provide a SRO for Harpool Middle School and the three Lantana elementary schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

-The Superintendent recommends approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for school resource investigator (SRO) between Denton County and the Denton Independent School District whereas the County provides the District with one (1) certified police officer to serve as school resource officer (SRO) assigned to Harpool Middle School.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

-Dr. Susannah Holbert O'Bara, Superintendent of Schools
-Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

- The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Denton County and Denton ISD.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Dr. Jeff Russell

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____