

District 191 School Resource Officer Discussion



History of School Resource Officers At District 191

2002-2006 – Assignment paid via COPS Grants

2006-2017 – Agreement with the district paying 50% of salary costs

2017-Present – District made decision to remove SROs from middle schools

Calls for service since 2017

Eagle Ridge Middle School – 202

Harriet Bishop Elementary – 246

Hidden Valley Elementary – 291



Challenges facing students and district in 2026

- Covid/Post Covid Generation
- Mental Health Issues
- Social Media
- Assaults
- School Safety
- Lack of access to various county services and agencies
- Lack of familiarity and response time challenges from patrol



Benefits of SROs in Schools

- Engagement
- Mental Health
- Embedded Resources
- Pipeline to County Services
- Support vs Enforcement
- Education
- Messaging and collaboration during incidents



Costs

- Language from District 719 contract:
- District shall reimburse one-half the costs incurred by the city to employ the Officer including costs for wages and benefits..
- Savage PD has been awarded a Federal COPS grant to Create an SRO for Dist. 191
- \$125,000 grant is for three years (Aprrox. \$42,000 a year of assistance.)
- City of Savage is committed to split the grant with the city to offset costs. In essence instead of splitting 50/50 with district it would be 1/3 for the first three years. After a 50% arrangement would be requested as in previous contracts.
- PD would be required to hire 1 officer to fill the assignment



Cost/hiring continued

- Estimated cost to the district for 2026/2027 School Year - **\$50,848**
- A 5-year contract would be requested due to grant and budget commitments.
- Hiring for the position
- I assured Dr. Daniels that the district would have representation on the SRO assignment panel that would help select the officer to staff the 191 position.



Questions?

