

ITEM FOR ACTION**YOUTH SERVICE OFFICERS PROGRAM****SUMMARY**

The district's contracts with law enforcement partners to provide the Youth Service Officers program are expiring at the end of this school year, and the board will vote to decide if the program will continue.

BACKGROUND

Beaverton School District has had a long history of partnering with law enforcement to provide specialized services to BSD schools. The district's current contracts with the City of Beaverton and Washington County to provide the Youth Service Officers program are expiring at the end of this school year. The school board approves budget authorization for contracts obligating more than \$250,000 of district funds and is asked to authorize the cost to renew agreements that exceed that amount.

The [Youth Service Officers program](#) (formerly the School Resource Officers program) has evolved and been adjusted over time, and the school board has periodically reviewed the program. In summer 2020 a districtwide survey garnered about 2,500 responses, and [ECNorthwest's analysis](#) of the input received was presented to the board in November 2020. In the 2021–22 school year, the consultant SeeChange LLC conducted a review of the program including surveying about 8,700 students, parents, staff and Beaverton residents, and presented a [report and recommendations](#) in August 2022. In the 2022–23 school year district staff reviewed the recommendations and developed and implemented a [responsive action plan](#), which was presented to the board in January 2023.

In fall 2024, anticipating a decision on whether to approve renewing contracts in spring 2025, the board requested additional information about the Youth Service Officers program including costs and cost savings, alternative models, and current community input regarding the program. Working with an independent research consultant, feedback on the program was gathered in a variety of ways including individual interviews, group interviews, and over 15,700 [survey responses](#) from students, parents/guardians and staff. Examples of alternative models were gathered from peer school districts. Staff also compiled information about program costs and savings from avoided costs, as requested, and also negotiated cost containment. This information was [presented](#) to the board and community in a [work session](#) in April 2025.

In the May 2025 meeting the board will vote to decide if the Youth Service Officers program will continue.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the board affirm the continuation of the Youth Service Officers program and authorize the superintendent or designee to execute the contract renewals obligating district funds for continued delivery of services, subject to obtaining terms acceptable to district administration.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to affirm the continuation of the Youth Services Program and authorize the superintendent to execute the contract renewals for continued delivery of services.

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