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Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Superintendent of School, Kristina Davis
Director of Business & Operations, Karen Apostoli
DATE: February 2, 2023
RE: 2nd School Resource Officer

This memo is:

- ☐ Information only.
☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
☒ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: ____ 02/16/2023 ____

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☐ in previous Board packet(s) dated. ____
☐ or attached to this memo

Basic information: (Situation)
District 33 currently has one School Resource Officer (SRO.) The current SRO spends the majority of his time supporting the needs of students, staff, and administrators at the middle school. District administration is recommending a second School Resource Officer primarily for elementary school buildings. This SRO would work a staggered schedule to allow for SRO presence at after school activities and sports.
Background or historical information: (Considerations)
A School Resource Officer is an effective method of fostering positive relationships with students in order to promote greater respect for law enforcement. A SRO will contribute to the educational environment by participating in preventative programs that focus on deterring youth involvement in criminal acts with a focus on reduced gang involvement and alcohol and drug use.
Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue: (Options) 3 options
2022-23 - \$167,900 paid in two installments 2021-22 to present - \$2,618/month for police presence at after school sporting events/activities (\$26,180/year).
Recommendations: (Recommendations) and (Evaluate)
Administration is recommending that the Board approve a 2nd School Resource Officer for the 2023-24 school year.
Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?:
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