



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **September 5, 2017**

TITLE: **Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Tucson (Tucson Police Department) for School Resource Officer at Amphitheater High School**

BACKGROUND:

The District previously received a School Safety Program Grant through the Arizona Department of Education which provided funds for a School Resource Officer (“SRO”) at Amphitheater High School (“AHS”). The Grant expired on June 30, 2016. Recognizing the importance and value of the SRO for AHS, the City of Tucson and the District propose to jointly fund a SRO primarily for AHS, with services also available as mutually agreed at Amphitheater Middle School (“AMS”), for the 2017-2018 school year.

The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the City of Tucson permits the Tucson Police Department to provide an officer or officers to serve as the SRO at AHS and, as needed AMS, for 2017-2018 school year. In exchange, the IGA obligates the District to reimburse the City for one-half of the SRO’s base salary plus employee-related expenses for the 2017-2018 school year. The SRO’s base salary plus employee-related expenses is estimated to be approximately \$97,458 in total and, thus, the District’s reimbursement obligation under the IGA is one-half (1/2) of that sum which is approximately \$48,729.

A proposed form of agreement has been prepared and is submitted at this time for Board consideration. Legal Counsel has determined that the form conforms to the law and is a permissible use of Board and District powers. Given their mutual desire to address the SRO at AHS as quickly as possible, both parties are presenting this IGA to their respective governing bodies for approval on September 5, 2017, with the mutual agreement that if either governing body proposes changes to the IGA, both governing bodies will again be able to review and approve the IGA as amended.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached IGA with the City of Tucson to jointly fund a SRO at AHS and, as mutually agreed, AMS.

INITIATED BY:

Michelle H. Tong, J.D., Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

Date: August 31, 2017

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent