

Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement City of Denton and Denton ISD

July 30, 2024

SUMMARY:

-This item requests approval of the Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton, Texas and the Denton Independent School District whereas City of Denton shall provide Denton ISD with nine (9) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Denton High School, Ryan High School, Guyer High School, Calhoun Middle School, Strickland Middle School, and McMath Middle School. The City shall also provide Denton ISD with one (1) Lieutenant supervisor who will provide supervisory duties for DPD SROs assigned to the Denton ISD and provide safety coordination for Denton ISD.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

-This is a renewal of the ongoing partnership between the City of Denton and Denton ISD for SRO Services. The Denton ISD Board of Trustees have approved similar agreements with the Denton County Sheriff's Department, Town of Little Elm, Town of Oak Point, Town of Corinth and the City of Aubrey to provide SROs to our campuses in their jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

-This is a continuation of service provided by the City of Denton to assist nine (9) of our Denton ISD schools with School Resource Officers. This agreement includes a supervisor position, at the level of Lieutenant for DPD, who will provide supervisory duties for DPD SROs assigned to the Denton ISD and provide safety coordination for Denton ISD.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

This MOU establishes and delineates the mission of the School Resource Officer Program, herein referred to the SRO program, as a joint cooperative effort. Additionally, the MOU formalizes relationships between the participating entities in order to foster an efficient and cohesive program that will build a positive relationship between Police Officers and the youth of our community in addition to reducing crime committed by juveniles and young adults.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Estimated DISD Quarterly Billing Plan

2024

FIRST QUARTER (Jul, Aug, Sep)	\$209,701
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SECOND QUARTER (Oct, Nov, Dec)	\$241,140
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2025

THIRD QUARTER*(Jan, Feb, Mar)	\$215,061
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FOURTH QUARTER (Apr, May Jun)	\$247,247
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Total:	\$913,149
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Note: FY 2024- 2025 estimate includes 50% reimbursement of salary/benefits for nine (9) SROs located at DISD High Schools and Middle Schools, plus 100% reimbursement salary/benefits for one (1) Police Lieutenant. Third quarter reimbursement includes annual cost of living increase per Meet and Confer Agreement.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Benefits (3) of Denton's High Schools and (3) of Denton's Middle Schools with services

provided by the City of Denton Police Department to accomplish the following goals:

- Promote a safe environment for students, faculty, and staff.
- Reduce criminal offenses committed by juveniles and young adults by detention/arrest
- Establish rapport with student, faculty, administrative staff, and parents.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- The Superintendent recommends approval of the Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District whereas the City shall provide Denton ISD with one (1) Lieutenant supervisor and nine (9) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Denton, Guyer, and Ryan High Schools and Calhoun, Strickland, and McMath Middle Schools..

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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

ATTACHMENT:

- The Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and Denton ISD.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Dr. Jeff Russell

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Area Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

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