

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

June 22, 2021

SUMMARY:

- This item request approval of Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District whereas the city 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 DISD and provide safety coordination for DISD.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- This is a renewal of an 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, the City of Corinth, and the Town of Little Elm 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 six (6) 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 DISD and provide safety coordination for DISD.

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:

-Effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, DISD agrees to reimburse the City of Denton for the annual salary and fringe benefits at a rate of one (100) hundred percent for one (1) the Lieutenant supervisor position and fifty (50) percent for nine (9) SROs assigned to the following campuses: Denton High School, Ryan High School, Guyer High School, Calhoun Middle School, Strickland Middle School, and McMath Middle School.

- The DPD agrees to invoice the DISD quarterly for all monies owed as a result of this agreement and to submit appropriate payroll documentation with the invoice.

-Costs will be borne by: DISD will be responsible for 50% of SROs' salary and benefits.

DISD 50%/100% = \$763,601 (salary and benefits for nine (9) officers and one (1) Lieutenant)

Total cost: \$763,601

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Benefits (3) of Denton's high schools and (3) of Denton's middle schools with services provided by the 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:

- It is important and logically beneficial that Denton ISD continue to partner with the City of Denton by agreeing to the City of Denton’s MOU for SRO services for our above mentioned six (6) Denton ISD campuses.

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. Jamie Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

- The Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and Denton ISD. List attachment(s)

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Area Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

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