

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

DATE OF MEETING: May 12, 2020

TITLE: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tucson (Tucson

Police Department) for School Resource Officer at Amphitheater High School

## **BACKGROUND:**

Last month, the Governing Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Tuson for placement of School Resoure Officers (SRO) at Amphitheater High School, Amphitheater Middle School and Prince Elementary School using funds provided by the State of Arizona through the School Safety Grant (SSG). The SSG grant will begin funding these SROs in Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

The IGA being proposed here is different from the SSG IGA. This IGA will permit the District to pay one-half (1/2) of the salary for SRO who was placed at Amphitheater High School during FY 2019-2020. Beginning August 2019, the City of Tucson provided a SRO at Amphitheater High School for FY 2019-2020 with the understanding that the cost of the SRO would be shared by Amphitheater through a cost-share IGA consistent with those in place for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019.

This cost-share IGA is virtually identical to the cost-share IGAs previously approved by the Governing Board for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019. However, a term has been added to this cost-share IGA that will only require Amphitheater to share the costs of the salary for the SRO from August 2019 until the schools closed in March 2020. Administration accepted the services of this SRO during that time with the understanding that the cost-sharing IGA would be approved by both parties' governing bodies before the end of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

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 at the next available regularly scheduled meeting, 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 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

**INITIATED BY:** 

Michelle H. Tong, J.D.,

Date: May 4, 2020

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