

# Memorandum of Understanding between City of Denton and Denton Independent School District

November 14, 2023

**SUMMARY:**

This item request approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Contract, in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the City of Denton and Denton Independent School District for the purpose of developing, implementing, and maintaining public school safety and security measures.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

Denton ISD and the City of Denton have been a party to an MOU whereby the Denton Police Department provides ten (10) full-time Student Resource Officers, and one (1) Lieutenant over the SRO Program. The most recent MOU was approved in July 2023.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Due to the passage of House Bill 3 in the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, Denton ISD seeks to hire armed security officers for its campuses. These officers are to be licensed peace officers certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and training will be provided by the Denton Police Department.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Denton ISD shall not incur any costs for TCOLE mandated training provided by DPD. Denton ISD will be responsible for outfitting its officers with uniforms and any other equipment necessary to perform their assigned duties.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

In pursuit of providing Denton ISD campuses with highly qualified security personnel, this MOU supports a continued partnership with Denton PD and ensures compliance with HB 3.

**PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

As necessary, Denton ISD and DPD will meet and discuss operational issues.

**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

No alternative actions are proposed.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The superintendent recommends approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Contract/Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Denton through its Police Department and Denton ISD for the purpose of training licensed peace officers to serve withing Denton ISD schools.

**STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Dr. Jeff Russell, Area Superintendent  
Deron Robinson, General Counsel

**ATTACHMENT:**

Interlocal Cooperation Contract/Memorandum of Understanding between City of Denton and Denton ISD

**APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Area Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

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