

24.25 Budget Impact Statement for the Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement Town of Little Elm and Denton ISD

October 8, 2024

SUMMARY:

- This item request approval of the Town of Little Elm 24.25 Budget Impact Statement. The Town of Little Elm shall provide Denton ISD with a total of eight (8) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Bell Elementary School, Paloma Creek Elementary School, Union Park Elementary School, Cheek Middle School, Navo Middle School, and Braswell High School.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- This budget impact statement is a part of the approved MOU and ongoing partnership between the Town of Little Elm and Denton ISD for SRO services. The Denton ISD Board of Trustees have approved similar agreements with the City of Denton, Denton County Sheriff's Department, and the Town of Corinth, to provide SROs to our campuses in their respective jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The MOU was approved July 2023 for 5 years with an amendment in October 2023 for the continuation of services provided by the Town of Little Elm to assist six (6) of our Denton ISD schools with eight (8) School Resource Officers.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

-The continued growth of the 380 corridor necessitates the continuation/modification of an agreement of SRO services to be provided by the Town of Little Elm as the campuses specified fall under their jurisdiction. This budget impact statement covers the costs for the 2024-2025 school year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028, DISD is to reimburse the Town of Little Elm for the annual salary and fringe benefits at a rate of 75% of the cost of the current salary and benefits of six (6) full time officers, (1) full time sergeant and 100% of the cost of the current salary and benefits of one (stationed) SRO for a total of eight (8) officers assigned to the following campuses: Catherine Bell Elementary School, Paloma Creek Elementary School, Navo Middle School, Braswell High School, Cheek Middle School, and Union Park Elementary. DISD also agrees to pay the Town of Little Elm for the cost of a Police Car.

- The Town of Little Elm agrees to invoice the DISD quarterly for all monies owed because of this agreement and to submit appropriate payroll documentation with the invoice. There will also be a one-time invoice for a police car.

DENTON ISD SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS Calculation for Cost Per Full-Time Officer Salary and Benefits Fiscal Year 2024-2025

A. Salary and Benefits

SRO #1 Salary and Benefits: (Officer Byrd, Bell Elementary School)

Annual Base Salary:	\$80,959.11
Benefits:	\$44,167.53
Cost per SRO:	\$125,126.64

SRO #2 Salary and Benefits: (Officer Salomon, Navo Middle School)

Annual Base Salary:	\$95,889.88
Benefits:	\$37,082.99
Cost per SRO:	\$132,972.87

SRO #3 Salary and Benefits: (Officer Wilson, Braswell High School)

Annual Base Salary:	\$80,959.11
Benefits:	\$40,631.91
Cost per SRO:	\$121,591.02

SRO #4 Salary and Benefits: (Officer Gikas, Braswell High School)

Annual Base Salary: \$80,959.11
Benefits: \$40,631.91
Cost per SRO: \$121,591.02

SRO #5 Salary and Benefits: (Godi, Braswell High School)

Annual Base Salary: \$82,397.19
Benefits: \$44,668.47
Cost per SRO: \$127,065.66

SRO #6 Salary and Benefits: (Officer Robinson Union Park)

Annual Base Salary: \$86,421.44
Benefits: \$44,894.30
Cost per SRO: \$131,315.74

SRO #7 Salary and Benefits: (Officer Moore, Cheek Middle School) Fully Funded

Annual Base Salary: \$79,376.64
Benefits: \$42,099.200
Cost per SRO: \$121,475.84

SRO #8 Salary and Benefits: (Sergeant Reza, Paloma Creek & DISD SRO Supervisor)

Annual Base Salary: \$103,034.58
Benefits: \$39,515.00
Cost per SRO: \$142,549.58

Salary and Benefits Cost Total : (6 SRO's plus 1 Sgt) \$902,2123.53
DISD share 75% \$676,659.40
DISD 100% Cheek SRO \$121,475.84

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Total DISD Cost:

Salaries: \$798,135.24

DISD Quarterly Payment Amount: \$199,533.81

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Benefits one (1) of Denton ISD's high schools (Braswell High School), two (2) of Denton ISD's middle schools (Cheek and Navo Middle Schools) and three (3) of Denton ISD's elementary schools (Bell, Paloma Creek and Union Park Elementary Schools) with services provided by the Little Elm 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 students, 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 Town of Little Elm by agreeing to the Town of Little Elm’s 24.25 Budget Impact Statement for SRO services to include eight (8) SRO’s for our above mentioned six (6) Denton ISD campuses.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

- The superintendent recommends the approval of the Town of Little Elm 24.25 Budget Impact Statement. The Town of Little Elm shall provide Denton ISD with a total of eight (8) certified police officers to serve as school resource officers (SROs) assigned to Bell Elementary School, Paloma Creek Elementary School, Union Park Elementary School, Cheek Middle School, Navo Middle School, and Braswell High School.

- STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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

ATTACHMENT:

- The Town of Little Elm 24.25 Budget Impact Statement

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Dr. Jeff Russell
Comments: _____
Signature of Divisional Area Superintendent: _____
Comments: _____
Signature of Superintendent: _____
Comments: _____