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

September 10, 2019

SUMMARY:

- This item request approval of Police/School Liaison Interlocal Agreement between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District whereas the town shall provide Denton ISD with six (6) 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.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- The Denton ISD Board of Trustees have approved similar agreements with the City of 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 a School Resource Officer.

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, 2019, the DISD agrees to reimburse the City of Denton at a rate of fifty (50) percent of the actual annual salary and benefits of the SRO's 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% = \$416,728 (salary and benefits for three (6) officers)

 Total cost: \$416,728

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 six (6) 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. Richard Valenta, Deputy Superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

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