

## Lyon County School District Board Memo

**Date:** February 25, 2025  
**To:** Board of School Trustees  
**From:** Harman Bains, Executive Director of Operations  
**Re:** School Resources Officer MOU with YPD and LCSO

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**Recommendation:**

The Board of Trustees approves Amendment #1 to the School Resource Officer (SRO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, increasing the funding by an additional \$25,000.00 for the 2024-25 school year. Furthermore, the Board of Trustees approves the SRO MOUs for the 2025-26 school year with the Yerington Police Department (YPD) in the amount of \$70,000.00 and with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in the amount of \$427,500.00.

**Background Information:**

Over the past several months, district leadership and Lyon County Sheriff Brad Pope have engaged in discussions regarding the need for an additional School Resource Officer (SRO). Through a collaborative effort, an agreement was reached to add another SRO for the Fernley area at an additional cost of \$67,500.00 per year to the Lyon County School District and \$25,000.00 for the remaining 2025-26 school year (Amendment #1). While staffing and other external factors may influence this plan, the current arrangement is to have both Fernley SROs working four days a week, ten hours per day. SRO #1 will be on duty from Monday through Thursday, while SRO #2 will cover Tuesday through Friday, ensuring overlapping coverage from Tuesday to Thursday across the entire Fernley area.

For over eight years, LCSD district administrators have partnered with the Yerington Police Department to provide one School Resource Officer for Yerington schools. Additionally, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) currently assigns three SROs to schools in Dayton, Fernley, Silver Springs, and Smith Valley. These officers have been invaluable in enhancing school safety and fostering stronger relationships between law enforcement and all stakeholders, according to school site leaders. As LCSD looks ahead to the 2025-26 school year, the district aims to extend this enhanced level of service to all attendance areas.

Student and staff safety remains a top priority for LCSD. Having dedicated law enforcement officers in all attendance areas reinforces this commitment while promoting communication, relationship-building, and collaboration between LCSD, YPD, LCSO, students, and families. Furthermore, the presence of SROs helps address truancy, youth violence, bullying, and crime by fostering meaningful relationships and providing necessary support.

The Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for these agreements are set for one year, expiring on June 30, 2026. LCSD will reimburse the Yerington Police Department and/or the City of Yerington up to \$70,000.00 and will reimburse LCSO and/or Lyon County up to \$427,500.00. The agreements include a cancellation provision, and a funding proration should any SRO positions remain unfilled for a period of time. The designated officer for YPD will be stationed at Yerington High School, while LCSO officers will be based at Dayton, Fernley, and Silver Stage High Schools.

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**Budget Considerations:**

All School Resource Officers (SRO) to be paid from the General Fund for the 2025-26 school year.

**Discussed at Previous Meeting:**

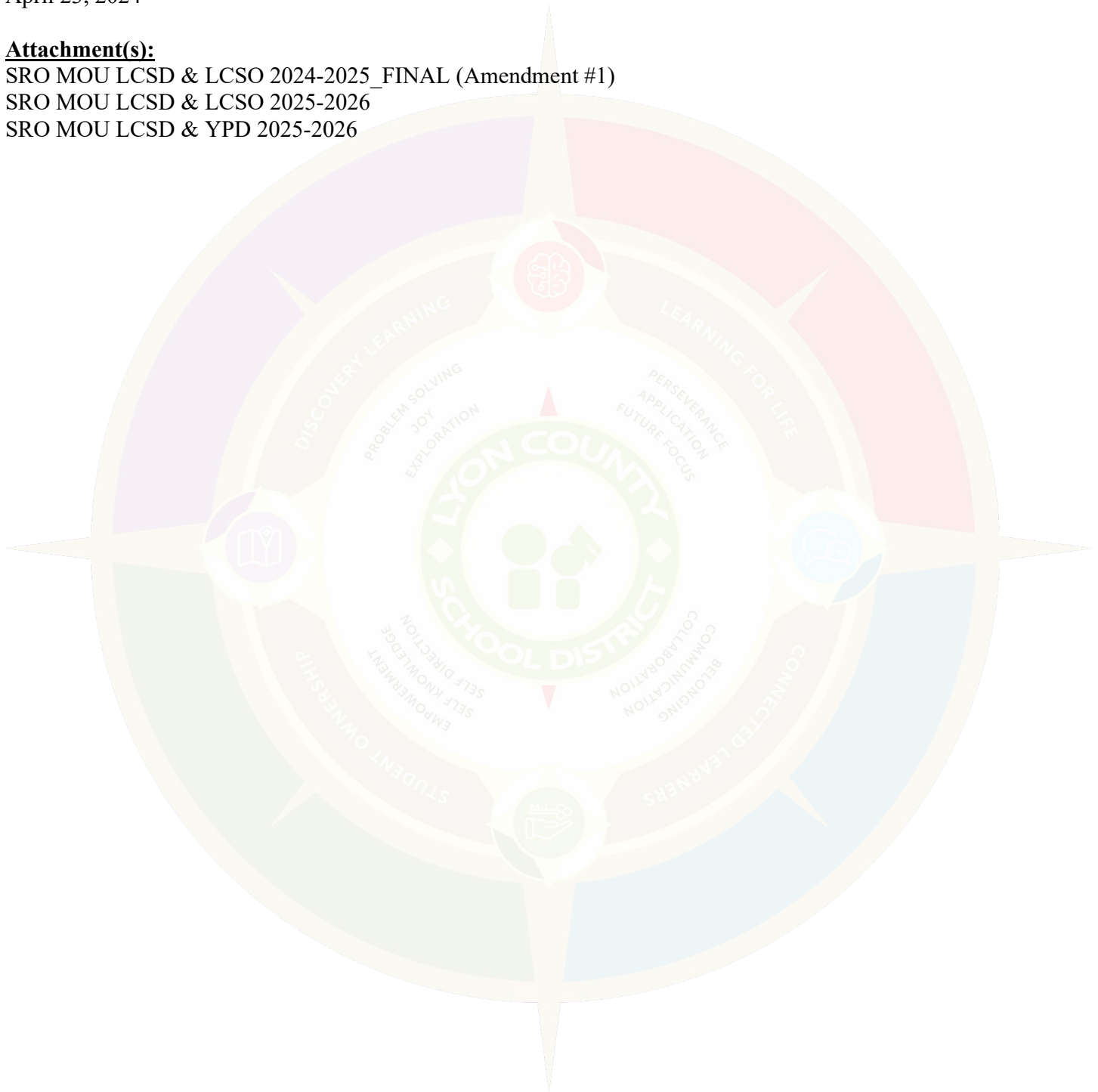
April 23, 2024

**Attachment(s):**

SRO MOU LCSD & LCSO 2024-2025\_FINAL (Amendment #1)

SRO MOU LCSD & LCSO 2025-2026

SRO MOU LCSD & YPD 2025-2026



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