

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FILE #090878

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

File #090878 is a technical amendment to File #080623, which approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Milwaukee Board of School Directors (“MPS”) for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative for the 3-school year period commencing on the first day of the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year and concluding on the last school day of the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Under the Agreement, the Milwaukee Police Department shall assign two School Resource Officers (SROs”) to Northwest Secondary School, located at 5496 N. 72nd Street. Per the intent of the Agreement, MPS shall reimburse the City for the salaries, fringe benefits, overtime and indirect costs of 1.3 of the 2 SROs, with reimbursement not to exceed \$96,000 per school year, or \$288,000 in total.

File #080623 incorrectly states that total reimbursement under this Agreement shall not exceed \$96,000 and likewise restricts City Comptroller authorization to commit funds within the project/grant parent account to this same amount. File #090878 effectively corrects this error by replacing “\$96,000” with “\$288,000” to reflect the 3-year term of the Agreement.

BACKGROUND

MPS received a federally funded Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative grant in September 2007. The goal of this program is to develop community-wide approaches to create safe, respectful and drug free schools and to promote pro-social skills and healthy childhood development. Violence prevention and intervention is an integral part of this federally funded grant, and providing a SRO at a Safe School/Healthy Students Initiative high school was part of the original grant application process. Placing the 2 SROs at Northwest Secondary School not only fulfills this objective but serves as an expansion of the successful School Security Program between MPS and the City.

The Agreement calls for the Police Department to document the following data in its relationship with Northwest Secondary School:

- ✓ Number of calls for service
- ✓ Priority codes of calls for service
- ✓ Response times to calls for service
- ✓ If feasible, number of school-related arrests
- ✓ If feasible, number of school-related citations
- ✓ Number of SRO hours spent on prevention versus traditional law enforcement activities

The Agreement may be terminated by either party for convenience upon 90 days notice in writing to the other party.

FISCAL IMPACT

The in-kind costs of participating in this 3-year Agreement include all direct and indirect costs of 0.7 of the 2 SROs, or approximately \$155,077.

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