

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ITEM 13, FILE #080623

SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

File #080623 approves the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Milwaukee Board of School Directors (“MPS”) for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative. Under the agreement, the Milwaukee Police Department (“MPD”) shall assign 2 School Resource Officers (“SROs”) to Northwest Secondary School, located at 5496 N. 72nd Street. The 3 Year Agreement commences on the first day of the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year and concludes on the last school day of the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year. MPS will reimburse the City for the costs of 1.3 of the 2 SRO’s, with reimbursement not to exceed \$96,000 per school year.

BACKGROUND

File #061071 approved Intergovernmental Agreements with MPS for a School Security Pilot Program, which assigned police officers to work as SRO’s on a full-time basis during the second semester of the 2006-2007 school year. Two SRO’s were assigned to Bradley Tech and 2 SRO’s were assigned to the “Custer Cluster” - Custer High, Edison Middle School, Thurston Woods Elementary School and 35th St. Elementary School. MPS paid the direct and indirect costs of the 2 SRO’s assigned to the Custer Cluster, not to exceed \$75,000.

File #071320 approved an extension of the School Security Pilot Program at Bradley Tech and the Custer Cluster for the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year, with the MPS reimbursement to the City increasing to \$150,000.

File #071024 approved an Intergovernmental Agreement for a School Security Program between MPS and the City. This Agreement increased the number of SRO’s from 4 to 10 and covers the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year and the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Two SRO’s were assigned to each of the following 5 high schools: Bradley Tech, Custer, Hamilton, Pulaski and Vincent. MPS shall reimburse the City for actual and indirect costs of 5 of the SRO’s, with total reimbursement not to exceed \$375,000.

DISCUSSION

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.

FISCAL IMPACT

Because existing MPD personnel will serve as SRO’s at Northwest Secondary School, there will be no additional expenditures required of the City. MPS reimbursement may not exceed \$96,000 per year.

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