

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FILE #090868

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File #090868 approves the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Milwaukee Board of School Directors (“MPS”) for so-called “After-School OT Squads” at designated schools during the 2009-2010 MPS school year. Under the agreement, the Milwaukee Police Department shall furnish fully marked police squads with 2 on-duty officers to patrol areas surrounding certain schools between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each school day. In practice, one 2-person police squad per Police District is assigned to a school within that District according to scheduled coverage. The City shall be compensated for specially assigning these squads at the actual overtime rate of the Police Officers performing services, with total payments not to exceed \$60,000.

BACKGROUND

Due to a growing number of problems at school dismissal, MPS first provided \$60,000 to pay for a 2-person uniformed squad to work 1.5 hours of overtime (3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at designated MPS schools during the 2006-2007 school year. **Council File #060665** approved this initial Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. **Council Files #071004 and #081121** approved continuation of the After-School OT Squads partnership during the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years respectively.

DISCUSSION

This file approves the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for After-School OT Squads for the 2009-2010 MPS school year. While the Police Department will again typically furnish fully-marked squads with 2 on-duty officers to patrol areas directly surrounding designated schools, the Agreement allows for assignment of a single officer squad, motorcycle officers and/or bicycle patrols.

The purpose of this Agreement is to improve the safety of students, staff and others while they are leaving school and in the vicinity of school at the end of the school day. The list of schools to be covered is determined through collaborative consultation with the MPS Division of School Safety, school principals and Police Department District commanders. Based on this joint input, a list of proposed site coverage is prepared for each week of the school year. The system also allows for flexibility should there be nothing occurring at the designated school site for a particular day and police coverage is required at a different MPS school within a Police District.

The new Agreement also requires District Commanders, on a weekly basis, to provide MPS with a written report of school-related activity, including, but not limited to school-related arrests, citations, and actual time worked. In past years, the Department did not keep “activity” statistics such as arrests and citations for these After-School Squads.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City shall be compensated by MPS at the actual overtime rate of police officers performing services pursuant to the Agreement. Total payments to the City may not exceed \$60,000. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause 5 days after delivery of written notice to the other party.

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