



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement between the City of Clearwater and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida providing for the continuation of the School Resource Officer program at Clearwater High School, Countryside High School and Oak Grove Middle School for a one-year period commencing July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

SUMMARY:

Under the terms of the one-year agreement between the School Board of Pinellas County and the City of Clearwater, the City will provide law enforcement and related services to Clearwater High School, Countryside High School and Oak Grove Middle School during the regular school year. The assigned officers (1 per school) will provide instruction in law education, will serve as resource persons, conduct investigations, provide security and maintain the peace, make arrests and provide support services as necessary.

The annual cost of salaries and benefits of three officers over the one-year period will be \$322,473. Total annual reimbursement from the School Board will be \$56,120.72 for each officer, for a total reimbursement of \$168,362.16, reflecting a 2% increase in reimbursement to the City for SRO services during the 2016/2017 contract period.

A first quarter budget amendment will transfer the difference of \$154,111 from the *Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund* (SLEF), special project 181-99330 to special project 181-99264, *School Resource Officers*.

Sufficient funding will be available in special project 181-99264, *School Resource Officers*, for total funding of \$322,473.

The cost incurred by the Police Department is offset by the benefit of the program to the community and the Police Department. The Police Department has maintained a good working relationship with the School Board. School Resource Officers have been assigned to Clearwater High School since January 1, 1985 and Countryside High School since January 1, 1986 and Oak Grove Middle School since August 27, 2007.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

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