



City Council Report

Date: May 20, 2024
To: City Council
Through: Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Stephanie Derivan, Commander
Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement with Gilbert Unified School District #41
(Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gilbert Unified School District #41 for reimbursement of the salary and benefits of two Mesa Police Officers to perform School Resource Officer duties.

Background

The City of Mesa began working with the Gilbert Unified School District to have School Resource Officers on school grounds in 2021 to contribute to safe school environments that are conducive to teaching and learning. School Resource Officers maintain a visible presence on campus, deter delinquent and violent behaviors, and serve as an available resource to the school community.

Discussion

The School Resource Officers will be assigned to keep the school safe, advise the school administrators, counsel the children, and teach law related education. Law enforcement officers and school administration will work together to develop programs and handle volatile situations.

The Mesa Police Department will only provide School Resource Officers to the schools specified in the Intergovernmental Agreement for the duration of the Intergovernmental Agreement. The Mesa Police Department does not guarantee officer presence for any other school.

Alternatives

It the Intergovernmental Agreement is not approved; School Resource Officers will not be placed at Gilbert Unified School District #41.

Fiscal Impact

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices on a routine basis to Gilbert Unified School District #41.

The District will reimburse salary and benefits for 40 hours per week for 10 months per school year for two officers. The Intergovernmental Agreement provides a mutual agreement for reimbursement of School Resource Officer activities for up to three years. The salary and benefits may vary per year.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gilbert Unified School District #41.