



City Council Report

Date: July 20, 2026
To: City Council
Through: Ken Cost, Assistant City Manager
From: Dan Butler, Chief of Police
Stephanie Derivan, Commander
Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement with Mesa Unified School District #4
(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 the Mesa Unified School District #4 for reimbursement of the salary and benefits for Mesa Police Officers to perform School Resource Officer duties at sixteen school campuses under the Arizona Department of Education's School Safety Program.

Background

The Mesa Unified School District #4 will receive funding from the Arizona Department of Education for placing School Resource Officers on school grounds 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 campuses 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 sixteen 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

If the Intergovernmental Agreement is not approved, a School Resource Officer will not be placed at any of the schools in the Mesa Unified School District #4.

Fiscal Impact

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices on a routine basis to Mesa Unified School District #4.

The District will reimburse salary and benefits for 40 hours per week for 10 months per school year. 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 approval to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement with Mesa Unified School District #4.