



# City Council Report

**Date:** August 21, 2023  
**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 to provide two Mesa Police Officers to perform School Resource Officer duties.

## **Background**

The City of Mesa has been working with the Gilbert Public Schools to have a School Resource Officers for over ten years 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**

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

**Fiscal Impact**

Should Gilbert Unified School District receive grant funds, Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices on a routine basis to them for negotiated expenditures as per the Agreement.

**Coordinated With**

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