

ACPS – APD Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update

October 15, 2020
School Board Work Session



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Discussion Outline

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Timeline for MOU Approval

Community Survey Findings

Major Edits

SRO and Principal Remarks

School Board Q&A

Timeline to Approval

Conducted Thorough MOU Review

Collect Community Input (9/17/20 – 10/1/20)

Public Hearing October 1, 2020

Updated MOU Based on Input Received to Date

Approve MOU by November 1, 2020

Community Survey Findings

81 Total Respondents

56 of 81 (69%) Selected “Revisions Needed”

40 of 56 (71%) Mention Removing SRO or Police from Schools

25 of 81 (31%) Selected “No Revisions Needed”

Major MOU Edits 1 of 3

Evaluation and Performance Monitoring (Section 3)

- New Form: “Administrator/Law Enforcement Report Form”
- ACPS/APD Quarterly Reviews in August, November, February & May
- Annual report posted on website after School Board review.

Major MOU Edits 2 of 3

Roles and Responsibilities (Section 4)

- All SRO training must be completed prior to school assignment.
- MOU better aligns to School Board policy and regulation JFC/JFC-R—Standards of Student Conduct.
- All school principals (HS, MS, ES) will be trained on MOU.

Major MOU Edits 3 of 3

Operational Procedures (Section 5)

“Prior to any questioning of a student, the SRO or police officer must verify that the student has had contact with their parent, guardian, or legal custodian.”

What is the SROs day like?

Comments From

- SROs
- Principals

School Board Q&A

Context for Discussion

- MOU is not a contract, it is a guide.
- Even without an MOU, police will still be called to respond to ACPS schools.
Crimes still occur in and around schools.
- Investigations can also “clear” a student of wrongdoing.
- Schools are vulnerable targets.
- Recent favorable climate surveys.

Questions

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