

BOARD MEMO

Date: June 1, 2023

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

FROM: John Contreras, Director of Safety and Security Services
Dr. Alicia Hart, PMP, Chief of Facilities and Operations

THROUGH: Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: 2023-2025 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ACPS and the
Alexandria Police Department

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2022-2023 FOCUS AREA:

Strategic Plan Implementation

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Social and Emotional Supports for Students

Safety and Security Upgrades

SUMMARY:

ACPS has a standing MOU with APD that requires review and approval every two years. The last MOU was reviewed and approved in October 2020. The final draft MOU with proposed changes is included as an attachment to this memo. All proposed updates were made from the signed October 2020 version of the MOU. Draft revisions were shared and discussed at the following meetings:

- The initial draft (v1) MOU was discussed with the School Board at the May 4, 2023 School Board meeting
- An updated draft (v2), incorporating feedback from the May 4, 2023 meeting, was shared with both joint elected bodies on May 15, 2023. Based on the joint meeting, additional feedback was incorporated into the draft (v3)
- The required public comment hearing on the draft revised MOU was held on May 18, 2023
- All drafts have been shared to include on the Safety and Security Services webpage

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In order to maintain adherence to MOU review and approval requirement, the updated MOU must be signed no later than June 30, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The last MOU was reviewed and approved in October 2020. In May 2021, the decision was made (as part of the City's budget process) not to fund the SRO program into the following school year. Due to this change, adherence to the October 2020 MOU was no longer in place and a "Calls for Service" MOU was implemented.

In October 2021, the decision was made to reinstate the SRO program through the end of the school year (June 2022). Upon this decision, adherence to the Calls for Service MOU ceased and adherence to the October 2020 MOU began again.

In May 2022, ACPS made the request to the City to extend SRO funding for another year to allow for additional discussion regarding the future of the SRO program to occur. This request was granted, and the School Law Enforcement Partnership (SLEP) advisory group was approved by the School Board to be formed. The SLEP advisory group met from June 2022- December 2022 to review the existing partnership and to provide feedback on how the partnership could be reimagined. The SLEP advisory group feedback was presented to both the School Board and City Council in January 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Interim Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the changes to the MOU and authorize the Interim Superintendent to enter into the agreement with the Alexandria Police Department.

IMPACT:

The Alexandria City Public Schools and Alexandria Police Department maintain a partnership via the ACPS/APD MOU that supports a safe and secure environment for students, staff, families and all others.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. October 2020 MOU
2. Draft Updated MOU with Redline Changes, v3

REFERENCES:

N/A

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