



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Police

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Cassey Ogden, Interim City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Contract in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District (DISD), for reimbursement to the City in the estimated amount of \$511,111 for compensation and benefits of six Student Resource Officers (SROS) assigned at DISD for the initial period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027; automatically renewing the MOU for the periods of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, and July 1, 2028, through June 30, 2029; authorizing the Superintendent of DISD and the Interim City Manager (or their successor) to amend the MOU without DISD Board of Trustee or City Council approval to reflect future changes in the amount of reimbursement from DISD to the City only if the increase is not greater than ten (10) percent from the preceding school year's reimbursement; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Student Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a cooperative partnership between the City of Denton and DISD which assigns police officers to designated middle and high schools within city limits. Student Resources Officers work their assigned campus on a full-time basis with the purpose of providing a "student centric" approach towards building a positive relationship between police officers and students.

The current MOU outlines the mission, goals and financial aspects of the SRO program. The current MOU expires on June 30, 2026, and provides for six (6) SROs at DISD middle and high schools, The City receives a reimbursement at the rate of fifty (50) percent for those six (6) SROs assigned to a campus during the academic year. While a DPD Sergeant is no longer assigned to the SRO Program, the SROs will report to a DPD Sergeant. The amount reimbursed by DISD to the City for the six (6) SROs for the 2026-2027 school year is \$511,111.

SROs supplement DISDs School Security Officers. DISD retains supervision of its School Security Officers. However, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the City and DISD regarding Texas Education Code 0814 (Armed Security Officer Required) - Ordinance No. 25-1133 effective August 5, 2025, if a law enforcement response for a criminal matter is required, such as an active shooter, and should DPD respond, DPD shall be in charge of the law enforcement response and

DISD School Security Officers shall obey any instructions given to them by DPD unless a reasonable officer would deem that order illegal or unethical.

Approval of this successor MOU requires approval by the DISD Board of Trustees and the City Council. The DISD Board of Trustees approved this MOU on June 9, 2026, and will automatically renew for the periods of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, and July 1, 2028, through June 30, 2029. The MOU allows the Superintendent of DISD and the Interim City Manager (or their successor) to amend the MOU without DISD Board of Trustee or City Council approval to reflect future changes in the amount of reimbursement from DISD to the City only if the increase is not greater than ten (10) percent from the preceding school year's reimbursement.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the SRO Program with DISD, in the form of the 2026-2027 Memorandum of Understanding.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

On January 14, 2025, Council approved Ordinance 24-2598, which provided for reimbursement to the City in the estimated amount of \$309,703 for compensation and benefits of nine Student Resource Officers (SROs) assigned at DISD for the period of February 3, 2025 through June 30, 2025, replacing the MOU with DISD for SROs that was effective on July 1, 2024, and; Reassigning the Police Lieutenant that was assigned to the SRO Program back to the Police Department.

On August 5, 2025, City Council approved Ordinance 25-1133, which provided for reimbursement to the City in the estimated amount of \$508,392 for compensation and benefits of six Student Resource Officers (SROs) assigned at DISD for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, replacing the MOU with DISD for SROs that was effective on January 14, 2025, and; reduced the number of SROs on these DISD campuses from nine (9) to six (6). In addition, the DPD Sergeant will no longer be assigned to the SRO Program but the SROs will report to a DPD Sergeant.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Denton Independent School District
2026-2027 academic year total estimate \$511,111
General Fund Revenue – 1000.4632

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: AIS – SRO Program 2026-2027
Exhibit 2: Ordinance & MOU – SRO Program 2026-2027

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Tony Salas
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