



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** 10/14/2024
SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to execute an Elementary Campus School Resource Officer Shared Services Agreement with Birdville Independent School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

PRESENTER: Paulette Hartman, City Manager and Mike Young, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills (City) and the Birdville Independent School District (BISD) have worked together for the last several months to negotiate an agreement in which the City will provide licensed peace officers to serve as School Resource “Campus” Officers for all BISD elementary campuses within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of North Richland Hills. The attached agreement outlines the cost sharing between the City and BISD in which BISD will reimburse the City for 160 days of the costs (approximately 80%) for personnel and benefits, and the City will be responsible for 40 days (approximately 20%). This agreement is specific to the Campus Officer model and is independent of the School Resource Officer agreement for all secondary BISD campuses within the City of North Richland Hills.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The City and BISD have had a long-standing relationship in which the City provides licensed peace officers to serve as School Resource Officers for the BISD secondary campuses located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City. This agreement seeks to expand upon previous arrangements by adding licensed peace officers to provide defined services at the elementary campuses within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City. In the first year of the agreement, a total of three (3) positions will be filled with plans to add additional positions added each school year as funding allows until a total of nine (9) are employed. This will provide one (1) officer for each elementary campus in North Richland Hills.

The attached agreement outlines the services these officers will provide and defines their work schedule which will closely follow the BISD school calendar and equates to approximately 1,600 hours. The total annual cost of this agreement for the first year is \$377,679. BISD is responsible for paying 160 days of all costs of each officer assigned to the district, totaling \$302,143.31 which is approximately 80% of the cost. The City’s portion will be \$75,535.83 which is approximately 20% of the cost. Funding for these officers is included in the FY 2024-2025 Crime Control & Prevention District Budget.



This agreement covers the 2024/2025 school year and will continue each school year thereafter unless terminated by either party or the terms are renegotiated resulting in a new contract term. The City will invoice BISD for their actual costs incurred. Each January, the City will provide the District with cost estimations for the next school year including salary, equipment, training, and uniforms.

The BISD School Board approved this agreement during their last board meeting. Recruitment for the Campus School Resources Officer positions will begin immediately, and we are hoping to be able to fill them quickly.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached Elementary Campus School Resource Officer Shared Services Agreement with Birdville Independent School District and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.