



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**AGENDA DATE:** August 26, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider approving the School Resource Officer Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year with Independent School District #318

**PREPARED BY:** Chief Andy Morgan

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Since 1999, the City of Grand Rapids and School District #318 have had an annual agreement for a School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Grand Rapids Senior High School. In 2006, the District requested an additional SRO for Robert J. Elkington Middle School. Although stationed at the above schools, SRO personnel are responsible for providing police services to all ISD #318 school facilities within the City of Grand Rapids.

Due to financial hardships, ISD #318 has decided to reduce SRO coverage to one licensed police officer. Considerable conversations have taken place in preparation for this transition.

At this time Officer Troy Scott will continue as School Resource Officers satisfying the 2024-2025 agreement. The total fees for the 2024-2025 school year is \$90,654.00 for the one SRO position. This cost has slightly decrease as negotiations continued with ISD #318. Attached for your review is the 2024-2025 SRO agreement.

Although we oppose the school district's decision to reduce police presence in our schools, GRPD is extremely pleased with the opportunity to continue to assist ISD #318 in creating a safe environment for our children to learn, grow and excel.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Make a motion authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the School Resource Officer Agreement with ISD #318 for the 2024-2025 school year.