



## School Board of Clay County

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### June 24, 2021 - Regular School Board Meeting

#### **Title**

C23 - 2021-2022 School Safety Interlocal Agreement among the School Board of Clay County, Florida, City of Green Cove Springs Florida and Green Cove Springs Police Department

#### **Description**

Proposed funding and contract options to meet the requirements for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, Ch. 2018-3. The agreement between the City of Green Cove Springs, the Green Cove Springs Police Department (GCSPD) School Resource Officer (SRO) program, and Clay County District Schools shall include one full time police officer at each of the two schools within the city boundaries and four communications officers, who shall be employees of the GCSPD meeting the criteria of GCSPD "Communications Officer 110-3".

#### **Gap Analysis**

The City of Green Cove Springs has contracted with the Clay County District Schools to provide a School Resource Officer at the two schools within their municipality for the school year 2021-2022. The City of Green Cove Springs will continue (with the school system) to enhance the connectedness between the local Police Department and the families of students living in Green Cove Springs attending one of the two schools.

#### **Previous Outcomes**

During the 2021-2022 school year the Green Cove Springs Police Department planned and implemented Drug Abuse Resistance Education ("DARE") in collaboration with District personnel. The Green Cove Springs Police Department was also successful in launching a pedestrian safety program at Charles E. Bennett Elementary and Green Cove Springs Junior High.

#### **Expected Outcomes**

The presence of the SRO's on the two campuses will strengthen relationships between the local Police Department, students and families, in the community. Resulting in higher quality interactions within the neighborhoods creating a more cohesive and secure campus environment. Students will continue to be educated on the law and illegal activities within the number of aggressive and violent conduct referrals overall are expected to decline.

#### **Strategic Plan Goal**

Ensure effective management of the organization, operations, and facilities to maximize the use of resources and promote a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment for Clay County students.

#### **Recommendation**

Approve the agreement between the Green Cove Springs Police Department and School Board of Clay County.

#### **Contact**

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**Financial Impact**

\$146,050.66 to be paid out in (12) equal installments for School Resource Officers 2021-2022

\$202,037.33 to be paid out in (12) equal installments for (4) Dispatchers for GCSPD 2021-2022

**Review Comments**

**Attachments**

[City of GCS 2021-2022.pdf](#)