



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval to renew School Liaison Officers Contract with the Novi Community School District beginning with the 2023-24 academic year through the 2027-28 academic year.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Public Safety – Police

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Novi provides two (2) School Liaison Officers to the Novi Community School District (NCSD) during the academic school year. This proactive and successful program represents a preventative partnership between the City of Novi and the NCSD which has been in place since 1999. One Novi police officer is assigned to the Novi High School, and one is assigned to the Novi Middle School. Both officers are responsible for a variety of activities which take place in all NSCD facilities throughout the community. In addition to investigating criminal activity, the officers also serve as liaisons between the Police Department and the school as well as several other entities within the City. The benefits of this program have ranged from improved relationships with students, enhanced emergency response and preparedness, and most importantly, a proven sense of safety with students and staff. The NCSD has indicated their intention to renew the current contract.

The contract calls for the City to invoice the school district for the officers' straight time plus benefits based on an agreed percentage. In addition, at the School's request, the officers can be contracted to work at special events (i.e. sporting events, dance, etc.). Based on the agreed upon funding algorithm, the Novi Community School District will fund approximately 40% of the total cost of the School Liaison Officer's salary.

Legal counsel has reviewed this matter and opines there is no legal impediment which precludes the City of Novi from executing this agreement. The Superintendent and the Novi Community School District School Board have also approved this agreement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to renew School Liaison Officers Contract with the Novi Community School District beginning with the 2023-24 academic year through the 2027-28 academic year.