



Memorandum

Date: May 20th, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Re: School Resource Officer Contract

Mayor and City Council Members,

As you may recall, in August of 2023, the council made the decision to terminate the school resource officer (SRO) contract following the enactment of a new law by the Minnesota Legislature. This law incorporated the SRO into the school's agent definition and altered the Use of Force standards applicable to the SRO. Since then, the legislature has amended the statute, removing the SRO from its language and reinstating the previous Use of Force standards applicable to all officers.

In light of this legislative amendment, myself, Attorney John Thames, Administrator Buchholtz, Superintendent Jeff Ronnenberg, and the School District's attorney have collaborated on a new contract. I am pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement on the contract, which is enclosed for your review. The school board has already passed the contract during their meeting on May 14th, 2024.

The contract spans the 2024-2025 school year and necessitates annual renewal. Additionally, I am seeking approval from the city council to reinstate SRO Imig at the school for the remainder of the current school year. This will afford SRO Imig approximately three weeks to reestablish rapport with school staff and students. He will be deployed to the school on a special assignment, as the contract under consideration will not take effect until the upcoming fall. Moreover, SRO Imig will remain available for patrol and emergency calls as required.

I am requesting the city council approve the school resource officer contract with District 16 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Thank you,

Chief Josh Antoine