

PROPOSED REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

City of Sutter Creek and Amador County Unified School District

Working counterproposal for discussion / October 26, 2026

1. Purpose and Financial Principles

The City of Sutter Creek (City) and Amador County Unified School District (District) intend to cooperate on traffic safety, neighborhood parking, campus security, and public safety associated with implementation of the Board-approved school consolidation. The parties will prioritize practical, cost-conscious measures and pursue outside funding where appropriate. This MOU does not modify the District's approved consolidation project or replace any adopted environmental mitigation measure. Neither party commits funds or personnel beyond existing authority and appropriations without a separate written approval.

2. Campus Perimeter Security and Neighborhood Parking

The parties will jointly evaluate a physical access solution along Oro Madre Street, including fencing the currently unfenced middle athletic-field area (JV baseball field) between the existing fenced varsity baseball field and the fenced stadium/track area. The District will evaluate fence alignment, gates, emergency access, athletic/community access, cost, and feasibility. The intent is to discourage informal pedestrian access from Oro Madre Street to the main campus and reduce incentives for student parking in nearby residential areas.

The City retains responsibility for municipal parking restrictions and enforcement. The District will communicate student parking expectations, administer its on-campus parking permit rules, and cooperate on documented concerns to the extent permitted by law. District personnel will not be required to patrol City streets, collect license plates, or enforce municipal parking ordinances.

3. School Resource Officer and Targeted Public Safety Coverage

The parties share an interest in exploring a dedicated School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to the consolidated Amador High School. Within 90 days of execution, designated representatives will evaluate feasible staffing models, potential shared funding, grants, and a proposed separate SRO agreement. Any SRO arrangement will require approval of duties, supervision, training, student privacy and discipline boundaries, liability, scheduling, funding, and term by the appropriate authorities. This MOU does not itself establish or fund an SRO position.

For the initial four weeks of the 2027–28 school year, the Sutter Creek Police Department will seek to provide visible arrival and dismissal traffic presence using available on-duty resources, subject to staffing and emergency response priorities. Thereafter, the Department will seek to incorporate school corridor checks into routine patrols. The parties will coordinate appropriate times based on actual school schedules; no overtime or additional staffing expense is mandated by this MOU.

4. Traffic Operations and Independent Safety Study

The parties acknowledge that Sutter Creek Elementary School and Amador High School currently operate start and dismissal schedules staggered by more than 30 minutes. The District intends to continue coordinating schedules while retaining discretion over instructional, transportation, labor, and operational requirements.

The District has separately authorized an independent traffic safety study by Abrams Associates, expected to begin soon. The City and District will cooperate in sharing available information and reviewing relevant findings. Potential operational changes, including drop-off circulation, pedestrian access, signage, and any additional schedule adjustments, will be considered in light of the study, applicable approvals, and District operational feasibility. The District will manage on-campus drop-off circulation using appropriate practices and available trained personnel; student volunteers will not direct moving traffic.

5. Infrastructure and Grant Opportunities

The parties will evaluate mutually beneficial funding opportunities for pedestrian and roadway safety, potentially including school-zone warning systems near SR 49/Sutter-Ione Road and crosswalk or beacon improvements on Spanish Street, as warranted by engineering review and the Abrams study. Improvements will be subject to jurisdictional approvals, including Caltrans where applicable. Any grant application, matching funds, construction, ownership, operations, or maintenance obligations will require separate written agreement and any necessary governing-body approval. No party is obligated to fund off-site improvements solely by signing this MOU.

6. Coordination, Review, and Term

The City Manager, Chief of Police, Superintendent, and relevant designees will meet at least quarterly during the 2027–28 implementation year, with an initial planning meeting before school opens, and at least twice annually thereafter if the parties continue this arrangement. Meetings may include transportation, school administration, public works, and other relevant personnel.

This MOU becomes effective upon execution by authorized representatives following any required approvals and remains in effect through June 30, 2028, unless extended in writing. Either party may terminate on 60 days' written notice. Amendments must be in writing and approved by both parties. Each party remains responsible for its own acts and omissions as provided by law; any detailed indemnity or insurance provisions will be reviewed by legal counsel before execution.

The parties recognize that this is a cooperative framework and not a commitment to undertake a specific capital project, establish an SRO position, or incur an unapproved expense.

Signatures

CITY OF SUTTER CREEK

By: _____

City Manager

Date: _____

AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____

Superintendent

Date: _____