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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 7, 2016

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Department of Social Services  
Division of Family Wellness  
Child Protective Service Adjustments  
Contract with Buffalo Public Schools**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services is seeking approval of a resolution authorizing it to enter into a contract with Buffalo Public Schools and to create one (1) new Senior Child Protective Worker. Buffalo Public Schools desires a dedicated Child Protective Worker in one of its schools and is willing to pay the local share of the cost to add a new position.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Al Dirschberger at the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your immediate consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb  
Enclosure

cc: Al Dirschberger, Commissioner, Department of Social Services

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Social Services – Division of Family Wellness  
**Re:** Child Protective Services Adjustments – Contract with the City of Buffalo  
**Date:** July 7, 2016

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### **SUMMARY**

This resolution authorizes the Department of Social Services to enter into a contract with Buffalo Public Schools and to create one (1) new Senior Child Protective Worker.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None. Revenue from state reimbursement and Buffalo Public Schools will equal new expenses.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Buffalo Public School would like a child protective worker assigned to one of their schools full-time and is willing to pay the local share of the cost. This resolution will allow the Department of Social Services to add a position without incurring any new expenses.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Buffalo Public School wishes to have a Senior Child Protective Worker dedicated to one of their schools. The Department of Social Services has agreed to dedicate a worker if Buffalo Public Schools agrees to pay the local share.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Department of Social Services would not be able to add the new Senior Child Protective Worker position dedicated to a Buffalo Public School.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department of Social Services will enter into a contract with Buffalo Public Schools. Steps will be taken to create and fill a new Senior Child Protective Worker position.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RE: Child Protective Services Adjustments  
Contract with Buffalo Public Schools

WHEREAS, Erie County child protective services (“CPS”) investigates reports alleging child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Public Schools is the single biggest source of allegations of child abuse and neglect which are investigated by CPS; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Public Schools wants a CPS worker assigned to one of its schools; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has agreed to provide a CPS worker if Buffalo Public Schools pays the local share costs of the employee; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 cost of adding a new Senior Child Protective Worker effective September 1, 2016, will be \$53,403; and

WHEREAS, the local share cost of \$28,304 will be reimbursed by the Buffalo Public School System and the balance reimbursed through State funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to contract with Buffalo Public Schools to allow the Department of Social Services to accept funds for providing a Senior Child Protective Worker in a school; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve the creation of a Senior Child Protective Worker (JG 10) in the 2016 Budget of the Department of Social Services in Fund Center 120, Cost Center 1208030, to be effective September 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Personnel, Director of Budget and Management and Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to make the necessary budgetary and personnel adjustments necessary to facilitate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of the Division of Budget and Management, and the Commissioner of Personnel.