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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – School Resource Officer 2014/2015

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office requesting authorization for the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into any agreement necessary with Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES for a School Resource Officer.

I kindly request the Erie County Legislature's consideration at the July 14, 2016, meeting of your Honorable Body. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: SRO Grant Funding for Alden, Holland, North Collins and Springville school districts 2014/2015

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization to allow the County of Erie and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into any necessary agreements with the Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES for a School Resource Officer. This agreement will allow the County to receive grant funding for a School Resource Officer for the 2014/2015 school year for the Alden, Holland, North Collins, and Springville districts. The SRO within the aforementioned school districts will promote a safe environment and increase security for school buildings and grounds.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

The Erie County Sheriff's Office will receive $108,277.00 in grant funding.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Erie County and Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES need enter into a contract for School Resource Officer services.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office will forfeit $108,277 in legislative initiative grant funding.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, the County Attorney and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: SRO Grant Funding for Alden, Holland, North Collins and Springville school districts 2014/2015

WHEREAS, School Resource Officers (SROs) are vital to the safety of students, teachers and staff , in that SROs promote a safe environment in schools so the focus can be on instruction; and

WHEREAS, SRO serve a multifaceted purpose in our schools including serving as first responders for incident that occur on school campuses; and

WHEREAS, budget constraints have limited the ability of the Alden, Holland, North Collins and Springville school districts, to include SROs in their budgets, such that none of the districts are able to employ a SRO on their campuses; and

WHEREAS, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan, has secured a one-hundred eight thousand dollar two hundred seventy-seven ($108,277) legislative initiative grant to fund an SRO to be shared by the districts; and

WHERAS, pursuant to the terms of the special legislative grant, Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES (BOCES) shall serve as the contract coordinator for administrative purposes; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff has conferred with BOCES and the districts, and has agreed to provide and assign one uniformed Deputy to be shared among the districts as an SRO; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of all parties that neither BOCES nor the districts will incur any additional expense for the Sheriff's provision of the uniformed Deputy Officer beyond the funds provided by the legislative initiative grant secured by Senator Gallivan's office; and

WHEREAS, the BOCES and the County, acting through the Erie County Sheriff's Office, desire to set forth in this agreement the specific terms and conditions of the services to be performed and provided by the Deputy as SRO in the districts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES for one (1) SRO Deputy Officer and to receive funding in the amount $108,277 .00 for said position which will be shared among Alden, Holland, North Collins and Springville school districts; and

RESOLVED, this agreement is for the period of September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; and be it further

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RESOLVED, BOCES will compensate the Erie County Sheriff's Office utilizing the aforementioned legislative initiative grant for the position of an SRO; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Attorney and the Office of the Sheriff.