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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

April 28, 2016

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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Gowanda Central School District School Resource Officer

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office requesting authorization to allow the County Executive to enter into any agreement necessary with the Gowanda Central School District for a School Resource Officer.

I kindly request the Erie County Legislature's consideration and approval at a meeting of your Honorable Body. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,



TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
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Attachments

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ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Gowanda Central School District School Resource Officer

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization to allow the County of Erie to enter into any necessary agreements with the Gowanda Central School District for a School Resource Officer (SRO) and the creation of a Deputy Sheriff – Criminal position. This agreement will be through the end of the 2016 school year, will be renewed on a yearly basis, and the school district will fully fund the position. The SRO, within the Gowanda Central School District, will promote a safe environment and increase security for school buildings and grounds.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Sheriff's office costs associated with the Gowanda Central School District SRO will be reimbursed by the school district.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie county Executive and the Sheriff's Office needs legislative authorization to enter into an agreement with Gowanda Central School District for a School Resource Officer and the body needs to authorize the creation of the a Deputy Sheriff – Criminal position for the SRO.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The Gowanda Central School District and the County of Erie would be unable to enter into the necessary agreement for a School Resource Officer.

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.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Gowanda Central School District School Resource Officer

WHEREAS, school resource officers (SRO) provide school districts with a law enforcement presence for student protection, mentoring, and community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement services for the Village of Gowanda and Deputies are familiar with the school district and the local leaders; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff's office has entered into similar agreements with Gowanda Central School District in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the Gowanda Central School District is requesting to enter into a new agreement with the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the County of Erie for a Deputy Sheriff - Criminal position for the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Gowanda Central School District will fully fund the SRO position and reimburse the Erie County Sheriff's Office for costs associated with the SRO; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office needs to create one (1) Deputy Sheriff – Criminal position for the Gowanda Central School District SRO.

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 the Gowanda Central School District for a School Resource Officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, authorization is granted to create one Deputy Sheriff – Criminal position within the Erie County Sheriff's Office is created to fulfill the Gowanda Central School District School Resource Officer agreement; and

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.