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

**Re: Alden and Holland school districts School Resource Officer 2017/2018**

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 the Alden and Holland school districts for a School Resource Officer.

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: **Alden and Holland school districts School Resource Officer 2017/2018**

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 Alden Central School District and the Holland Central School District for a School Resource Officer (SRO). This agreement will fund a School Resource Office Deputy position for the 2017/2018 school year for the Alden and Holland, school 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 \$110,000.00 in grant funding.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The Legislature needs to provide authorize for the County Executive and the Sheriff's Office to enter into a contract for School Resource Officer services to receive \$110,000.00 in funding for the 2017/2018 school year.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office will forfeit \$110,000.00 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: Alden and Holland school districts School Resource Officer 2017/2018**

WHEREAS, School Resource Officers (SRO) are vital to the safety of students, teachers, and staff, in that SRO 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, over the past few years the Erie County Sheriff's Office has entered into agreements with the Alden and Holland, North Collins and Springville school districts, to include SROs in their budgets, such that none of the districts can employ an SRO on their campuses; and

WHEREAS, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan, has secured an additional one-hundred ten thousand dollar (\$110,000.00) to fund an SRO position for the Alden and Holland central school districts for the 2017/2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, this new funding and agreement requires authorization to create a new SRO specifically designated for the Alden and Holland schools; and

WHEREAS, the new SRO position will allow the SRO assigned to the Alden, Holland, North Collins and Springville school districts to dedicate their attention to North Collins and Springville schools, therefore increasing the time each SRO can dedicate to the assigned districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the special legislative grant, Alden and Holland central school district boards shall serve as the contract coordinator for administrative purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has conferred with the districts, and has agreed to provide and assign one uniformed Deputy to be shared among the districts as an SRO for the 2017/2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of all parties that 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 Senator Gallivan's office; and

WHEREAS, the Alden and Holland school districts and the County, acting through the Erie County Sheriff's Office, desire to outlined in this agreement, the specific terms and conditions of the services to be performed and provided by the Deputy as SRO in the districts.

**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 Alden Central School District and the Holland Central School District for one (1) SRO Deputy Officer and to receive funding in the amount \$110,000 .00 for said position which will be shared among Alden and Holland school districts; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, this agreement is for the period of September 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, Alden Central School District and the Holland Central School District will compensate the Erie County Sheriff's Office utilizing the aforementioned legislative initiative grant for the position of an SRO for the 2017/2018 school year; 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, the Personnel Department, and the Office of the Sheriff.**