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October 21, 2019

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

Re: School Resource Officer agreement for Holland Central School Districts

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization for the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the County Executive to enter into agreements with the Holland Central School District to provide a Deputy Sheriff as a School Resource Officer within the various buildings and on the multiple campuses of the respective school districts.

Representatives from the Sheriff's Office be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
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Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Sheriff's Office
Re: School Resource Officer agreement for Holland Central School Districts
Date: October 21, 2019

Summary of Recommended Action

This resolution requests authorization for the Sheriff's Office and the County Executive to enter into agreement with the Holland Central School District for a School Resource Officer.

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

The school district will reimburse the Sheriff's Office for the School Resource Officer assigned to the district and will positively impact the 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office has assigned a School Resource Officer to the school district since 2014 and the Holland school district and the Sheriff's Office has negotiated a two-year agreement to continue the SRO program.

Consequences of Negative Action

Without proper authorization, the Erie County Sheriff's Office would not be able to provide a school resource officer to the school district.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

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

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Re: School Resource Officer agreement for Holland Central School District

WHEREAS, School Resource Officers (hereinafter "SROs") are vital to the safety of students and surrounding communities, in that they help promote a safe environment in schools so the focus can be on the delivery of instruction; and

WHEREAS, SROs serve a multifaceted purpose in our schools including serving as first responders for any and all incidents on a school district's campus whether it's violence between students/staff, an individual in a school or on the campus without permission, or a medical emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Holland Central School District is desirous of obtaining the services of a full-time SRO in an attempt to deter criminal behavior through positive interactions with students, staff and the public during school hours; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is desirous of providing law enforcement and related services to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has conferred with the District and all parties agree that it is in the best interests of the District, the Sheriff and the citizens to establish this program; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has agreed to provide and assign one full time uniformed Road Patrol Deputy to be utilized as an SRO; and

WHEREAS, to enable the Sheriff to provide a full time SRO, the District will compensate the Sheriff as provided herein;

WHEREAS, the District and the County, acting through its Sheriff, desire to set forth in this Agreement the specific terms and conditions of the services to be performed and provided by the SRO in the District;

WHEREAS, this resolution will have a positive impact to the 2019, 2020, and 2021 county budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does authorize the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into a contract with Holland Central School District for an SRO from September 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, and September 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, Holland Central School District will compensate the Erie County Sheriff's Office at least \$89,348.09 for each school year defined in the agreement; and be it further

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