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***Police Department***

**Reference:** Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for a Joint School Resource Officer Program with School District 27J

**To:** Mayor Ken Kreutzer and Members of City Council

**Through:** Philip Rodriguez, City Manager

**Prepared By:** Paul Southard, Chief of Police

**Date Prepared:** November 15, 2018

**PURPOSE**

To request approval of a First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Brighton and School District 27J for formalization of the joint School Resource Officer Program.

**STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA**

Safe, Active and Engaged Community

**BACKGROUND**

School Resource Officers (SROs) do more than enforce the law and maintain order. They are counselors and educators while also providing a safe learning environment. Their presence on the school campus provides additional security and resources for students and school staff.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Brighton City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Brighton and School District 27J for a joint School Resource Officer Program. The scope of services for the MOU provided for five (5) SROs to be assigned to district schools.

Since the approval of the original MOU, School District 27J has requested the addition of another SRO to the program. Adding a sixth SRO requires an amendment to paragraph A of part 1, "Scope of Services," in the MOU.

**CRITERIA BY WHICH COUNCIL MUST CONSIDER THE ITEM**

Currently, one of the five existing SROs is assigned coverage of both Vikan and Overland Trail Middle Schools. The addition of a sixth SRO will allow the Brighton Police Department to provide coverage for:

- Brighton High School
- Prairie View High School
- Heritage Academy
- Vikan Middle School
- Overland Trail Middle School
- Prairie View Middle School

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

As in the original MOU, the salary and benefits for the sixth SRO will be divided equally between the City and District 27J. Currently, the average cost related to each SRO is \$102,125/year. Overtime costs will be covered by District 27J. This position is a 2019 budget request.

**OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

Approve - Effective January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, this amendment will allow SRO coverage in each of the aforementioned six district schools.

Decline - The Brighton Police Department will continue to divide coverage for two of the Middle Schools.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding
- Resolution
- PowerPoint