

**June 4, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting**

**Title**

C16 - 2020-2021 School Safety Interlocal Agreement among the School Board of Clay County, Florida; the City of Green Cove Springs Florida; and Green Cove Springs Police Department.

**Description**

Proposed funding and contract options to meet the requirements for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, Ch. 2018-3 to include draft agreement with the City of Green Cove Springs and the Green Cove Springs Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) program and the City of Green Cove Springs Police Department Dispatch Center to include one full time police officer at each of the two schools in the city boundaries for the 2020-2021 academic year and four communications officers who shall be employees of the Green Cove Springs Police Department and will meet all the criteria set forth in Green Cove Springs Police Department "Communications Officer 110-3".

**Gap Analysis**

The City of Green Cove Springs contracted with the Clay County School District to provide a School Resource Officer at the two schools within their municipality for the school year 2019-2020. The City of Green Cove Springs will continue with the school system to enhance the partnership between the local Police Department and families of students living in the city and attending one of the two schools.

**Previous Outcomes**

During the 2019-2020 school year the Green Cove Springs Police Department planned and implemented the Drug Abuse Resistance Education ("DARE") program and introduced a pedestrian safety program at Charles E. Bennett and Green Cove Junior High.

**Expected Outcomes**

The presence of the SRO's on the two campuses will strengthen relationships between the Green Cove Springs Police Department (GCSPD) and the families in the community. Their presence will also improve relationships between students and GCSPD, resulting in higher quality interactions with the neighborhoods, ultimately creating a more cohesive and secure campus environment. There will be a continuation of educational instruction concerning the law and illegal activities with students, as well as a reduction in the number of aggressive and violent conduct referrals overall.

**Strategic Plan Goal**

Ensure effective management of the organization, operations, and facilities to maximize the use of resources and promote a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment for Clay County Students.

**Recommendation**

Approve the agreement between the Green Cove Springs Police Department and School Board of Clay County.

**Contact**

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**Financial Impact**

\$143,534.00 to be paid in (12) equal installments for the School Resource Officers.

\$188,556.00 to be paid in (12) equal installments for (4) Dispatchers for GCSPD.

(No change from 19-20 agreement)

**Review Comments**

## Attachments

④ [20-21 City of Green Cove Springs Interlocal Agreement.pdf](#)