


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	<b>48</b>	Roll Call:	<b>23-0756</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Dana Wingert, Chief of Police</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to enter into a cost sharing agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Independent Community School District for the sharing of costs related to the School Crossing Guard program.

### SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department desires to enter into a cost sharing agreement with the Des Moines Independent School District for the School Crossing Guard program. The school district will incur the cost of the program then invoice the City for reimbursement of one half of the total cost not to exceed \$230,000 per year. Previously, the City contracted with an outside vendor to manage the operations of the School Crossing Guard program. A 28E agreement between the City and the school district required the school district to reimburse the City for one-half (1/2) the cost of this contract. The contract expired in August 2022.

Negotiations were held with the school district to assume the oversight of the program with the City providing financial support of one-half (1/2) the total cost. The proposed cost share agreement includes provisions for the school district to invoice the City and supply supporting documentation for the amount invoiced. The agreement will include expenses incurred by the school district from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The agreement requires an annual written renewal notice to be signed by both parties to renew the agreement.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Total not-to-exceed \$230,000 annually paid to the Des Moines Independent Community school District with 5% annual increase.

Funding Source: The City of Des Moines Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, Page 182.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City of Des Moines established the School Crossing Guard program in 1964 and entered into an agreement with the Des Moines Independent Community School District. The agreement established the Police Department as the managing entity with supervision responsibilities of the

City employed guards. The School District agreed to make contributions toward the cost of the program. By 1980, the School District had agreed to pay 50% of the program costs. In 2017, the City chose to seek a third-party vendor to assume the management and operational oversight of the program. The School District agreed to pay 50% of the cost of the third-party contract. In 2022, the City approached the School District to assume the oversight of the School Crossing Guard program due to the approaching termination date of the City's agreement with the third-party vendor.

- The proposed agreement would allow the School District to assume the responsibility of the School Crossing Guard program and hire a third-party vendor if they choose. The City agrees to provide financial support of 50% of the total program cost up to but must not exceed \$230,000 a year with 5% yearly increase cap.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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