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AGENDA SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 26, 2026

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE RENSSELAER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

By Alderperson: COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERMUNICIPAL
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WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer recognizes that sworn police officers assigned to schools help maintain safety, deter crime, build positive relationships with students, and function as a bridge between the school and law enforcement.

WHEREAS, the Rensselaer City School District, desires the presence of a School Resource Officer, hereinafter "SRO" at district schools for the purpose of providing security and support for the benefit of its administration, employees, students, and community at large; and

WHEREAS, the City and the School District may enter into intermunicipal agreements for such purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, hereby approves the attached proposed inter-municipal-agreement and authorizes the Mayor to execute the same.

Approved as to form and sufficiency

this 26th day of August, 2026

Tim Kitterman	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Stacy Hover	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Sara Bollman	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Andrew P. Kretschmar	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Diane Dwyer	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Anne E. Burton	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Eric Endres	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel

So Approved!

Mayor

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made, this _____ day of August, 2026, by and between the RENSSELAER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (hereinafter "School District"), and the CITY OF RENSSELAER (hereinafter "City") as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City agrees to provide the School District with a School Resources Officer (SRO) Program in the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District and the City desire to set forth in this SRO Agreement the specific terms and conditions of the services to be performed and provided by the SROs in the School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Cost of the SRO Program.

A. The School District shall pay the City a total of \$87,500, over the course of this Agreement in return for the City providing an SRO at the school

B. Payment shall be made in equal, quarterly payments as follow:

- i. \$21,875 invoiced on or after October 1, 2026.
- ii. \$21,875 invoiced on or after January 1, 2027
- iii. \$21,875 invoiced on or after April 1, 2027
- iv. \$21,875 invoiced on or after June 1, 2027

C. If any invoiced amount is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, the unpaid balance shall accrue interest at the rate of 1.5%, calculated from the due date to the date paid in full.

D. If this Agreement is terminated by either party prior to the completion of the services, the City shall calculate the value of services rendered up to the effective date of termination. Any unearned, prepaid fees for services not yet rendered shall be refunded to School District on a pro rata basis, calculated proportionally by the number of unexpired months remaining in the contract term. The City will return the prorated refund within twenty (20) business days of the notice of termination, less any documented, non-refundable third-party costs already incurred. Any unforeseen pauses in service will be prorated using the same calculation considering the number of months that the service was not provided.

2. Employment of School Resource Officers.

- A. The SRO shall be employees of the City and shall be subject to the administration, supervision and control of the City
- B. The SRO shall be subject to all personnel policies and practices of the City except as such policies or practices may be modified by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- C. The City, in its sole discretion, shall have the power and authority to hire, assign, discharge, and discipline the SRO.
- D. A joint committee composed of representatives of the City and the School District shall make recommendations for the SRO position to the Chief of Police who shall assign such officer. If the School Superintendent is dissatisfied with an SRO who has been assigned to the School District, then that School Superintendent may request that the Chief of Police assign a different officer as the SRO.
- E. One SRO shall be assigned to the School District.

3. Duty Hours.

- A. SRO duty hours shall be determined by the provisions of the agreement between the City and the School District. Whenever possible, it is the intent of the parties that the SRO's duty hours shall conform to the school day.
- B. It is understood and agreed that time spent by the SRO attending municipal court, juvenile court, and/or criminal cases arising from and/or out of their employment as an SRO shall be considered as hours worked under this Agreement.
- C. In the event of an emergency, if the SRO is ordered by the City to leave the school during normal duty hours as described above and to perform other services for the City, then the time spent shall not be considered hours worked under this Agreement.
- D. In the event the SRO is absent from work, the SRO shall notify his or her supervisor in the Police Department and the School Superintendent. The City will assign another SRO qualified officer, if available, to substitute for the SRO who is absent beginning with the sixth consecutive day of absence.

4. Term of Agreement.

The initial term of this Agreement is one (1) year commencing on the 1st day of September 2026, and ending on the 30th day of June, 2027, however, should either party encounter

budgetary constraints that make the continuation of this agreement impractical, then either party may cancel this agreement upon sixty-day notice to the other.

5. Duties of School Resource Officers.

The SRO's duties will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. To be an extension of the principal's office for assignments consistent with this Agreement.
- B. To be a visible, active law enforcement figure on campus dealing with law enforcement matters and school code violations originating on the assigned campus. As to school code violations, the SRO will take the student to the principal's office for discipline to be meted out by school officials.
- C. To act as the designee of the campus administrator in maintaining the physical plant of the assigned campus to provide a safe environment as to law enforcement matters and school code violations. This includes building(s), grounds, parking lot(s), lockers and other public school property. As to school code violations, the SRO will take the student to the principal's office for discipline to be meted out by school officials.
- D. To provide a classroom resource for law education using approved materials.
- E. To be a resource for students which will enable them to be associated with a law enforcement figure and role model in the students' environment.
- F. To be a resource for teachers, parents and students for conferences on an individual basis dealing with individual problems or questions, particularly in the area of substance control.
- G. To make appearances before site councils, parent groups, and other groups associated with the campus and as a speaker on a variety of requested topics, particularly drug and alcohol abuse.
- H. To document activities of the SRO, on and off campus, and as a compiler of a monthly report to be provided to the Clty and to the School Superintendent.
- I. The SRO will be involved in school discipline when it pertains to preventing a disruption that would, if ignored, place students, faculty and staff at risk of harm. The SRO will resolve the problem to preserve the school climate. As to school code violations, the SRO will take the student to the principal's office for discipline to be meted out by school officials.

J. IN ALL OTHER CASES, disciplining students is a School District responsibility, and the SRO will take students who violate the code of conduct to the principal where school discipline can be meted out.

K. It will be the responsibility of the SRO to report all crimes originating on campus. Information on cases that are worked off-campus by the Police Department or other agencies involving students on a campus served by an SRO will be provided to the SRO, but the SRO will not normally be actively involved in off-campus investigation(s).

L. The SRO will share information with the administrator about persons and conditions that pertain to campus safety concerns.

M. The SRO will be familiar with helpful community agencies, such as mental health clinics, drug treatment centers, etc., that offer assistance to dependency- and delinquency-prone youths and their families. Referrals will be made when necessary.

N. The SRO and the principal will develop plans and strategies to prevent and/or minimize dangerous situations which might result in student unrest.

O. The SRO will coordinate all of his/her activities with the principal and staff members concerned and will seek permission, guidance, and advice prior to enacting any programs within the school.

P. The SRO may be asked to provide community wide crime prevention presentations that include, but are not limited to:

Drugs and the law - Adult and juvenile;

Alcohol and the law - Adult and juvenile;

Sexual assault prevention;

Safety programs - Adult and juvenile;

Assistance in other crime prevention programs as assigned.

Q. The SRO will wear approved department uniform, formal business attire or business casual with appropriate logos and name badges depending on the time of school year, the type of school activity or program, and the requests of the school and/or police department. The Chief of Police and the School Superintendent shall jointly set expectations and resolve any disputes in this area.

R. The SRO will wear their department authorized duty weapons in accordance with department policy.

6. Chain of Command.

A. As an employee of the Police Department, the SRO will be subject to the chain of command of the Police Department.

B. In the performance of their duties, the SRO shall coordinate and communicate with the principal or the principals' designee of the school to which they are assigned.

7. Transporting Students

A. SROs shall not transport students in Police Department vehicles except:

(1) When the students are victims of a crime, under arrest, or some other emergency circumstances exist; and

(2) When students are suspended and/or sent home from school pursuant to school disciplinary actions, if the student's parent or guardian has refused or is unable to pick up the child within a reasonable time period and the student is disruptive/disorderly and his/her continued presence on campus is a threat to the safety and welfare of other students and school personnel.

B. Students shall not be transported to any location unless it is determined that the student's parent, guardian or custodian is at the destination to which the student is being transported. SROs shall not transport students in their personal vehicles.

C. SROs shall notify school personnel upon removing a student from campus.

8. Access to Education Records.

A. School officials shall allow SROs to inspect and copy any public records maintained by the school to the extent allowed by law.

B. If some information in a student's record is needed in an emergency to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals, school officials shall disclose to the SRO that information which is needed to respond to the emergency situation based on the seriousness of the threat to someone's health or safety; the need of the information to meet the emergency situation and the extent to which time is of the essence.

C. If confidential student record information is needed by an SRO, but no emergency situation exists, the information may be released only as allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first written above.

By:

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Rensselaer City School District

By:

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City of Rensselaer