



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.2

Meeting Date: September 6, 2012

Subject: Partnership between Sacramento City Police Department and Sacramento City Unified School District Update

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
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- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Accountability

Recommendation:

Review Partnership between Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) Update.

Background/Rationale:

The Sacramento Police Department has worked in partnership with the Sacramento City Unified School District since 2001, when a contract was established to place School Resource Officers in comprehensive high schools and middle schools. In September 2010, the Sacramento Police Department provided the services of an SPD Lieutenant to SCUSD with the intent of improving student safety through the implementation of best practices, creative problem solving, and building relationships within the District. The Lieutenant assigned also assumed supervisory responsibility of the School Resource Officer Unit and operational responsibility for the existing school security unit. Upon assignment to SCUSD, an audit encompassing components of school safety and security was initiated. The initial assessment included a broad based review of the existing Security Plans, deployment of security, and the effectiveness of security services in the District. Preliminary attention was focused on communication, internal security measures and external safety measures, and an evaluation of the relationship between local law enforcement and the District. This initial audit resulted in immediate improvements and longer term projects which were outlined in the 2011 Comprehensive Mid-year Report to Office of Accountability. The purpose of this report is to focus on the changes and improvements which have been made to school safety

and SCUSD systems as well as organizational changes that are in support of the Strategic Plan.

Financial Considerations:

The Sacramento Police Department has been successful in securing grant funding to support these services.

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary

Estimated Time of Presentation: 15 minutes

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II. Driving

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to be crucial to the success of a strong Safe Schools program. The mission of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program and the goals of the partnership

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Safe Routes to School
Project Attendance Intervention Management Center
Sacramento Gang Prevention Intervention Program
Sacramento Gang Prevention and Literacy Project
Kops n Kids
Sacramento Police Athletic League Programs

- o Boot Camp
- o Mountain Bike Team
- o Rugby Team
- o Youth Running Club
- o Tennis Play Day
- o Fishing Derby

SPD Diversion Program
Regional SRO Partnership
Project Safe Alternatives and Violence Education (SAVE)
Gang Prevention through Targeted Outreach
Lifeline Mentoring
Recidivism Reduction Project
City Schools Collaborative
City Gang Prevention Task Force

VI. Results:

The results of these initiatives were outlined in detail in the Comprehensive Mid Year Report on Security and Safety which was provided to the Office of Accountability, Sacramento Police Department and the Office of the Superintendent in May, 2011. Many of the initiatives taken at the beginning of the 2011/12 school year have been completed and there are still a number that are in progress. The status of these initiatives has been reported routinely to the Safety and Security Project Team. The most success has so far been achieved in the areas of communication protocols, site security, alarm monitoring and reduction of false alarms, grant procurement, regional partnerships, and the reorganization of the security services unit. Finally, implementation of environmental changes to our sites resulted of in the

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Completion and implementation of recommendations for all sites based on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design evaluations;
Introduction of the Safe Routes to Schools Program in cooperation with Sac DOT and WALK Sacramento;
Vulnerability assessment and surveillance camera repair and installation;
Strengthening of regional partnerships and coordination of the Gang Violence Prevention and Intervention Project Advisory Council;
Continuous Campus Monitor Training;
Securing funding for existing structures including Project AIM and Gang Violence Prevention Specialists.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

- ❖ Reallocate any remaining grant funding to target hardening and maintenance at vulnerable sites
- ❖ Partner with local private schools and independent charters to improve regional security efforts
- ❖ Continue to collect data and complete a Final Report to the Office of Accountability on the results of the measures taken and changes made to security and safety processes
- ❖ Further evaluate the District's policing and security needs
- ❖ Continue the mission of targeted intervention and diversion practices employed by School Resource Officers while working with local Community Based Organizations and referrals of at risk students to evidence based programs
- ❖ Implement and/or continue to support programs crucial to the success and safety of SCUSD students, including Safe Routes to School, Project SAVE, the Magnet Criminal Justice Academies, Project Towards No Drugs, Aggression Replacement Therapy, and Functional Family Therapy.
- ❖ Introduce and implement programs to support the needs of SCUSD students and their families.