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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY:

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter MCSO) and the North Monterey County Unified School District (hereinafter District) seek to continue their working relationship by renewing this effective partnership for the 2017-18 School Year.

DISCUSSION

The North Monterey County Unified School District (District) and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) have worked collaboratively with each other since the late 1980's. There was a School Resource Officer at the District for several years, but budget cuts forced elimination of the position.

Events took place on campus during the 2015-16 school year that caused campus lockdowns and underscored the need to revisit this partnership. The District approached MCSO about re-establishing the position, and an agreement was reached where each entity funds half of the assigned deputy's salary. Your board approved an MOU delineating this arrangement for January 2017-June 2017 of this year.

Since assignment of the Resource Deputy, there has been a marked improvement in communication between the District and MCSO. This was highlighted by the impressive response to the bomb threats received by the District on March 28, 2017. Due to the improved communication, the response was well-coordinated and effective. There was minimal disruption to the District's operations, allowing both groups to remain focused on students and their safety.

This new MOU covers the continuation of this agreement and has been modified to reflect

recent changes in the Resource Deputy's salary resulting from contract negotiations.

A copy of this MOU is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved the MOU as to legal form and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed the MOU for fiscal provisions. The District's Board has already approved the MOU.

FINANCING:

Full funding for the Resource Deputy's salary and benefits were included in both the FY 2016-17 approved budget and the FY 2017-18 proposed budget. The salary offset from the District is also included in the FY 2017-18 budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This contract meets the Board's strategic initiatives by providing cost effective staffing options for both the District and for MCSO. It increases interagency collaboration and cooperation, and the students and staff benefit from a safer educational environment.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

Memorandum of Understanding between North Monterey County Unified School District and Monterey County Sheriff's Office-School Resource Officer