



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** City School District Crossing Guards Agreement

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Authorize a three-year agreement with the City School District to reimburse a portion of the cost associated with the School Crossing Guard Program.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the agreement with the Merced City School District for reimbursement of a portion of the cost associated with the School Crossing Guard Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by City Council; or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
5. Continue to a future meeting.

### AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Public safety.

### DISCUSSION

Since the City of Merced implemented the neighborhood schools program, students who live within a one-mile radius of the school are required to walk to school. As a result, the Merced City School District has been required to increase the number of school crossing guards to assist the students walking to school. The City of Merced has always provided funding for four (4) school crossing guards at a cost of \$20,000. In 2009, at the request of the School District, the City negotiated a three-year contract with increases each year based on the annual "cost of living adjustments" (COLA).

This year the Merced City School District is requesting a three-year contract without annual increases based on COLA.

The agreement states that each year of the contract the City of Merced shall reimburse the School

District for a portion of the cost of the crossing guard program, from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, not to exceed \$26,024.00, unless a different amount is otherwise agreed to in writing and appropriately authorized by the parties hereto.

Under this agreement the school district would recruit, test, complete background checks, pay the crossing guards, and then bill the City of Merced for reimbursement. The City of Merced and the School District will jointly plan, coordinate, and conduct annual training for district crossing guards.

### **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

Funds in the amount of \$26,024.00 for fiscal year 2015 - 2016 are listed in the 2015 - 2016 police budget under account number 001-1008-522-17-00.

Because this would be a three-year contract, additional funds would have to be included in subsequent budgets under account number 001-1008-522-17-00.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Contract Agreement for Crossing Guards