Regular School Board Meeting October 21, 2014 II-1 School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Agreements - 2014-2015

Executive Summary

The School Resource Officer Program (SRO) is a delinquency prevention program aimed at enhancing the relationship between law enforcement and the students of the Broward County School District. The program is a joint venture between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and fourteen law enforcement agencies in Broward County.

The program emphasis focuses on developing rapport with students, presenting information to students on various crime prevention subjects, providing law enforcement resource assistance to school personnel, parents, and students, and identifying and counseling youths, thereby diverting them from the juvenile justice system. Through these activities the SRO program helps students, parents and educators develop a better understanding of the role of the law enforcement officer and create a more positive concept of our legal and judicial system.

In an attempt to get the SRO Agreements in place in a timely manner, it was determined that the SRO Agreements should correspond with the Law Enforcement Agencies fiscal year of October 1st until September 30th. The two month contract is based on the agencies budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The second contract would allow the agencies to have an agreement in place based on the 2014-2015 fiscal year. In the past the SRO Agreements were delivered to the Law Enforcement Agencies after the beginning of their fiscal year, thus, the SRO Agreements were always lagging in relation to the particular school year.

The SRO Agreements being presented to the Board on October 21, 2014 represent the following municipalities:

<u>AGENCY</u> <u>SCHOOLS</u>

<u>Coconut Creek Police Department</u> <u>Elementary</u>: Coconut Creek, Tradewinds, Winston

Park

Middle: Lyons Creek

<u>High</u>: Coconut Creek, Monarch <u>Center</u>: Atlantic Technical Center

Coral Springs Police Department Elementary: Coral Park, Coral Springs,

Country Hills, Eagle Ridge, Forest Hills, James Hunt, Maplewood, Park Springs, Parkside, Ramblewood, Riverside,

Westchester

Middle: Coral Springs, Forest Glen, Ramblewood, Sawgrass Springs High: Coral Glades, Coral Springs,

Taravella

<u>Margate Police Department</u> <u>Elementary</u>: Atlantic West, Liberty,

Margate

Middle: Margate

<u>Plantation Police Department</u> <u>Elementary</u>: Central Park, Mirror Lake, Peters,

Plantation, Plantation Park, Tropical

Middle: Plantation, Seminole
High: Plantation, South Plantation

Wilton Manors Police Department Elementary: Wilton Manors

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