

Continuation of Summary Explanation and Background

The ROCS program was established in Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) in the early 1980's to address theft, vandalism, and trespassing on school campuses during after school hours. At the onset, the program consisted of thirty-two (32) law enforcement officers from the Broward County Sherriff's Office, various Broward County municipalities, the Florida Highway Patrol, and BCPS Special Investigative Unit (SIU) Department. Currently, the program consists of twenty-seven (27) officers, and primarily calls for the participating ROCS officers to perform security related duties in exchange for free rent, but with obligations to pay for utilities (which consist of electric, water, sewage, and garbage), via the placement of mobile homes owned by the ROCS officers on the subject BCPS campuses. These relationships between SBBC and the ROCS officers are memorialized in individual agreements with each ROCS officer.

It should be noted Mr. Robert Wallace, the current ROCS officer, elected not to renew his agreement with SBBC and as such, Mr. Robert Wallace's current agreement is set to expire on February 21, 2020. Upon notification of Mr. Robert Wallace's desire not to renew his agreement, the SIU Department followed BCPS ROCS review process to identify a new candidate. After vetting the new candidate, it was determined that Mr. Nicolas Degiovanni met the requirements and recommended by staff to serve as the new ROCS officer for the school campus. If approved by SBBC, the term for this Lease Agreement would commence on February 22, 2020 and expire on February 21, 2023.