



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-0830

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 12, 2016

TITLE: Motion to Approve Broward County Collaborative Agreement on School
Discipline

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a revised agreement with the School Board of Broward County, Florida; Chief Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit; Office of the State Attorney; Law Office of the Public Defender; Sheriff of Broward County, Florida; Florida Department of Juvenile Justice; Fort Lauderdale Broward Branch NAACP; Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and the City of Hallandale Beach Police Department. The City Attorney's Office has concerns regarding several provisions of the present draft of the Agreement proposed by the School Board. These concerns are described in the attached Exhibit 1. The City Attorney's Office will provide the Commission with a proposed revised Agreement, which will address the City Attorney's concerns.

Background

The School Board of Broward County desires to enter into an agreement with the Broward Sheriff's Office, the Broward County State Attorney's Office, and the City of Fort Lauderdale pursuant to Florida Statute 1006.13. The legislative intent of the Statute is "to promote a safe and supportive learning environment in schools, to protect students and staff from conduct that poses a serious threat to school safety, and to encourage schools to use alternatives to expulsion or referral to law enforcement agencies by addressing disruptive behavior through restitution, civil citation, teen court, neighborhood restorative justice or similar programs." The Legislature further indicated that "zero-tolerance policies are not intended to be rigorously applied to petty acts of misconduct and misdemeanors, including, but not limited to, minor fights or disturbances."

To further the intent of the Statute, the Legislature mandated that the District School Board enter into agreements with the County Sheriff's Office and the City Police Department specifying guidelines for ensuring that acts that pose a serious threat to school safety, whether committed by a student or adult, are reported to a law enforcement agency. The agreements "must also include the role of school resource

officers in handling reported incidents, circumstances in which school officials may handle incidents without filing a report with a law enforcement agency, and a procedure for ensuring that school personnel properly report appropriate delinquent acts and crimes.”

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.
- Initiative 3: Partner with Juvenile Protection, Juvenile Justice System, State Attorney’s Office, Fort Lauderdale’s Intelligence-Led Policing unit, and other agencies to address juvenile criminal activity and prevent repeat offenders.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Community*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Broward County Collaborative Agreement on School Discipline

Exhibit 2 – Florida Statute 1006.13

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