

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** October 26, 2022

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, and the Washoe County School District to reestablish the Reno Police Department 360 Blueprint reading mentoring program within five elementary schools.

**From:** Oliver Miller

**Department:** Police Department

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**Summary:**

This agreement will reestablish the RPD 360 Blueprint program, which is a collaboration between public schools and law enforcement. The mission of the program is to transform the lives of the youth in the Washoe County School District through reading mentoring and positive role model interaction to emphasize the importance of school success.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Public Safety

**Previous Council Action:**

A Collaborative Agreement between the City of Reno, Washoe County School District, Encounter Church, and the Community Service Agency to support the 360 Blue Print program was approved on June 19, 2013.

**Background:**

Created by a local pastor and an RPD Officer in 2013, the 360 Blueprint initiative works with at-risk elementary school age youth within Washoe County School District. This agreement terminates the original agreement and is solely between the City/RPD and the Washoe County School District. The proposed reading mentoring program goals are to promote academic excellence, life skills development, self-esteem and personal growth within the youth assigned to the program. This partnership is between Reno Police Department and five elementary schools. RPD Officers are assigned a student within the school to serve as a reading mentor and role model throughout the school year. All mentoring activities will occur on school

campuses. Officers will create safe learning environments through CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) measures.

**Discussion:**

Youthmentoring.org reports that mentoring youth has a direct positive impact on the development of life skills and making positive choices, specifically reporting mentored youth are: 46% less likely to use illegal drugs, 27% less likely to use alcohol, 37% less likely to skip class, 52% less likely to skip school, and 33% less likely to hit someone. A main initiative of the program is to continue to build and foster relationships with the community and schools to promote unity and success.

**Financial Implications:**

The cost for the Reno Police Department personnel to assist with the program will be absorbed in the Reno Police Department overtime budget. There are no costs associated with the Agreement.

**Legal Implications:**

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law. This agreement is a one year agreement, renewable from year to year upon agreement of the parties. It may be terminated by mutual consent of all Parties or unilaterally by any Party for any reason or for no reason upon 30 days written notice to the other Party. The Parties expressly agree that this Agreement shall be terminated immediately if any Party's funding ability supporting this Agreement is withdrawn, limited, or impaired. If this occurs, the affected Party shall immediately notify the other Party in writing.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, and the Washoe County School District to reestablish the Reno Police Department 360 Blueprint mentoring program within five elementary schools and authorize the Chief of Police, City Manager and/or Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

360 Blueprint Interlocal Agreement