



City of Alexandria

ACPS-APD School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding

City Council Legislative Meeting

June 10, 2025





Summary

- **REQUEST**

- ▶ Discuss MOU between ACPS and APD regarding School Resource Officers (SROs)

- **COUNCIL GUIDANCE**

- ▶ Input on Options for Information Sharing language (p19, Section 5b)

- **KEY ELEMENTS OF THE DISCUSSION**

- ▶ School-Law Enforcement Partnership Subcommittee
- ▶ Aligning MOU with modern ("triad") approach for SROs
- ▶ Promoting continuous improvement and collaboration on responsibilities of SROs



Background Information

- **2020:** MOU that outlines roles and responsibilities of School Resource Officers and ACPS
- **2022:** Initial MOU Update, extended to 2023. ACPS established a Schools-Law Enforcement Partnership (SLEP) to increase stakeholder involvement.
- **2023:** City Council and School Board established a subcommittee to continue partnership. Recommendations submitted in June 2024.
- **2025:** Current MOU expires this year; new MOU would go into effect and remain in place until 2027.



SLEP 2.0 Subcommittee

Established to:

- Review common structures and best practices for SRO programs
- Review research on student outcomes associated with SRO programs
- Develop recommendations for 2025 MOU revisions

Five meetings in 2023-24, with following recommendations:

1. Make ongoing, incremental updates to MOU to align with Triad model for SROs: law enforcer (primary), educator and informal counselor
2. Conduct qualitative research to benchmark SRO program
3. Nine specific recommendations to MOU, primarily related to ongoing evaluation



2025 MOU Update

Key Categories of Updates to MOU:

1. Data/qualitative measures to be tracked in the future
2. Updated Code References
3. More explicit language related to Triad model
4. **Information Sharing**
5. Grammatical, reference edits



Information Sharing Options

(p19, Section 5b)

1. Remove section 5biv (status quo)
2. Keep section 5biv
3. Alternative language:
 - iii. Consent access for educational records. A law enforcement officer or SRO may have access to a student's education records ~~only~~ with written consent of the student's parent/guardian/legal custodian and in accordance with FERPA.
 - iv. SRO access to student directory and schedules. In accordance with FERPA, SROs may have access to the ACPS student directory so they may obtain only student names, addresses, photographs and schedules. The information will be kept confidential in accordance with the confidentiality requirements of FERPA.



Questions/Input

Thank You.

