JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOL-LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP (SLEP 2.0) SUBCOMMITTEE

At meetings in May and June 2023, the City Council and Alexandria School Board adopted resolutions to establish a Joint/City Council/School Board Law Enforcement Partnership (SLEP) Subcommittee. The proposed membership of the Joint City Council/School Board SLEP Subcommittee is two members of the City Council (Amy Jackson and Sarah Bagley) and two members of the School Board (Jacinta Green and Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi).

The purpose of the Subcommittee is to promote continuous improvement and collaboration on the responsibilities of school resource officers. Our foundational 'why' question is: "What safety tools can help students have the most successful performance outcomes?" The Subcommittee will:

1. Review common structures of Student Resource Officers (SROs) programs and best practices for policing in K-12 schools, including the roles and responsibilities of SROs.
2. Review empirical research on student outcomes associated with SRO programs, including program evaluation options that measure quantifiable impacts on school climate and safety.
3. Develop recommendations for 2025 MOU revisions for consideration in a future joint City Council and School Board work session during the 2023 to 2024 school year.

The Subcommittee shall meet on an ad hoc basis beginning in September or October 2023, with the goal of completing work by December 2023. The City/Alexandria Police Department (APD) and ACPS staff will collaborate to achieve this goal through the following deliverables:

1. Information Hub with Common Structures of SRO Programs, Best Practices & Research

Staff will review existing research that emerged in the SLEP Advisory Group process and consider any new, relevant additional resources on best practices and common structures that have since emerged. The City will establish a user-friendly online hub, facilitating easy navigation and access to information for Subcommittee members and the public. The hub will organize resources into two categories:

a) Common Structures of SRO Programs
b) Student Outcomes Associated with SRO Programs & Evaluation Options

2. Data Dashboard (included on Information Hub)

Staff will create a data dashboard that will be hosted on the hub. Presenting the data in this way will help frame and confirm the key Student Outcomes Associated with SRO Programs and Evaluation Options. This will provide the Council/Board and public with a repository of information and allow staff to document potential outcomes that can be considered during future MOU revisions, beginning in 2025.

3. Presentation and Final Report

Staff and a City-ACPS contractor will produce a final presentation and report for inclusion on the Information Hub. The report will include recommendations for 2025 MOU revisions for consideration in a future joint City Council and School Board work session during the 2023 to 2024 school year.

Staff:

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