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**DeSoto County
Board of Education**

**Contract for Professional Services
Between DeSoto County Schools and City of Southaven**

This contract made and entered into this 6th day of July 2023, between the Desoto County School Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as "The Board of Education" and the Southaven Police Department, hereinafter referred to as "The Southaven Police Department". In consideration of the mutually promised contained herein, the parties agree and enter into this contract according to the provisions contained herein. It is the intent of The Board of Education for this money to be an addition to what resources are currently being spent by the Southaven Police Department for SRO's.

The Southaven Police Department shall assign at least one (1) full time law enforcement officer(s) to serve as the School SRO for designated public schools and campuses. The SRO shall retain the exclusive right to exercise the customary functions of law enforcement management. The Police Chief reserves the right to remove any officer assigned as a School SRO at any time, or to otherwise re-allocate and/or re-assign the duties of any SPD-employed SRO. SROs are not employees of the DeSoto County School District and shall not be required to engage in or otherwise provide services contrary to SRO policy. Additionally, an SRO is not a "Certified Educator" licensed by the State of Mississippi (MDE) and shall not function in such a way.

Subject to the provisions hereof, the day-today law enforcement operation and specific law enforcement administrative control of the SPD-SRO Program shall be the responsibility of the Police Chief or his designee. Responsibility for the conduct of the SRO(s), both personally and professionally, shall remain solely with the Police Chief. The SRO is employed, trained and retained by the SPD, and in no event will be considered an employee of the DeSoto County School District. The Police Chief and the Superintendent of Education, or their designees, shall be contact persons for their respective agencies.

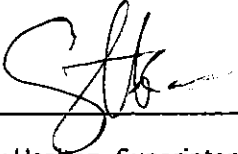
The Board of Education agrees to pay \$60,000 per officer to the Southaven Police Department. This is provided the Southaven Police Department complies with the following:

1. Provide full-time police officers per school, duly bonded and state certified to serve as a School Resource Officer (SRO) in DeSoto County Schools located in Desoto County.
2. Two officers at Southaven High School, one officer at Southaven Middle School, two officers at DeSoto Central High School, one officer at DeSoto Central Middle School, and one officer at DeSoto Central Elementary School.
3. Provide the name(s) of the SROs and school(s) they will cover. If the SRO is replaced, the DeSoto County School District will be notified within 30 days of the new assignment.
4. The Southaven Police Department will submit an invoice to the Board of Education bi-annually (per semester). Invoices will be paid the day after the school board meets for their regular monthly meetings.
5. The SRO shall be on duty in DeSoto County Schools located in the Southaven Police Department's area only when students are present and in session. At all other time the officer shall be on duty as assigned by the command staff of the Southaven Police Department.

The term of this contract shall be from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024, but may be cancelled at any time with a 30-day notice from either party. Initial payment will be pro-rated and returned based upon the amount of time that services have been rendered prior to the effective date of cancellation.

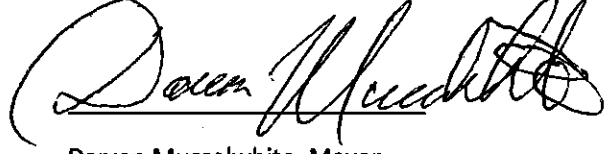
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this agreement on the date and year mentioned above.

DeSoto County School District

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Cory Useiton, Superintendent

Southaven Police Department

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Darren Musselwhite, Mayor