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Submitted By: Lieutenant Chad Pergande	City Administrator Approval: Anthony Brown
Finance Department Review: Joseph Ciurro	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running
Subject: Consideration and Possible Action to approve the 2024-2031 school-year contract with the Waukesha School District for School Resource Officers (SRO).	

Details:
The City of Waukesha and the Waukesha School District have a longstanding partnership to provide School Resource Officers at the public High Schools (3) and Middle Schools (3). Our current contract with the Waukesha School District expires June of 2024. The proposed contract was negotiated with the School District and would be in effect until June, 2031.

Summary of Changes:

Under our current contract, the Waukesha School District will contribute \$448,500 towards the SRO program in April 2024. Under the proposed contract, the School District contribution will be \$546,000 (21.74% increase). Each year, the School District contribution will increase by 5% to ensure that the fixed amounts account for possible increases in wages and benefits. In 2031, the School District contribution to the program will be \$731,692.

See attached contract for entirety.

Options & Alternatives:
The only alternative would be to not provide SROs, however, this would have a significant negative effect on the safety of our schools and the community as whole. The Police Department would have to increase road staffing to deal with calls for service at the school. The increased financial cost to the community of eliminating the program would likely be higher than the City's portion of the proposed contract.

Financial Remarks:
Since 2007, the Waukesha Police Department has had a contract with the Waukesha School District. This contract represents an increase in the percentage that the Waukesha School District contributes to the program over the next seven years and accounts for possible wage and benefit increases over that time.

Executive Recommendation:
Chief Thompson recommends approval of this contract.