

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Multifaceted Relationship with Our Schools

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: None

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

BACKGROUND: The Bozeman Police Department takes pride in our law enforcement officers assigned to our school communities. Our Bozeman School Resource Officers (SROs) continuously lead by example, cultivate relationships, and promote a positive image of law enforcement to the families and youth in our schools. SROs play three roles: teacher, informal counselor, and law enforcement officer. They teach students about safety, support students through problems, and enforce rules. SROs are very involved in their school communities and attend events like dances and games. Most importantly, our SRO team builds relationships with students and staff. These relationships help create a safe environment for students and staff to teach and learn.

This presentation is intended to highlight the collaborative efforts by these unique law enforcement officers with educators, students, parents, and our community.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: As recommended by the Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None

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