

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: February 25, 2013

AGENDA ITEM No. 13-02-(2)-14

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Elementary School Security

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Costs of Reserve Deputies at Orange County Schools – Elementary.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to hear and discuss elementary school safety.

BACKGROUND: As a result of the Sandy Hook tragedy in December 2012, Orange County Schools has intensified efforts to improve school safety and security. Some of these steps include board appropriation of funding for a comprehensive safety analysis, capital appropriations for short term physical improvements and school-level safety plan reviews and updates.

During the week following the Connecticut tragedy, the Sheriff's Office and the Hillsborough Police Department provided on-site officers in the Orange County Schools' elementary schools. Since that time the Sherriff's Office has continued to provide officers at Efland-Cheeks, New Hope, Pathways and Grady A. Brown, and parked a patrol car at Cameron Park Elementary.

The principals of these schools all report they have received many positive comments from parents and staff members. The comments most commonly relate to the added sense of safety and security and appreciation for the law enforcement presence. No negative comments have been received.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There are costs associated with providing this extra security. Per information provided by the Sheriff's Department as depicted on the attached spreadsheet, incurred costs to date total \$24,156.66. The cost to provide the added security at these four schools for the remainder of the year will be \$38,065.04. Lapsed salaries are available to cover this expense.

Estimated costs to provide four officers at the four elementary schools for FY2014 is approximately \$105,411.

FY2013 Capital Investment Plan appropriations for safety and security are \$33,000.
FY2014 Capital Investment Plan appropriations for safety and security total \$192,500.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education discuss the topic and provide direction to staff.

Costs of Reserve Deputies at Orange County Schools - Elementary

Period of Coverage	# of Weeks	# of Hours/week	Total # of Hours	Hourly Rate (\$)	FICA (\$) per Hour	Total Hourly Rate	Cost Per Deputy for Period of Coverage	# of Deputies	Total Costs
December 17, 2012 - December 21, 2013	1	40	40	17.00	1.30	18.30	732.02	5	3,660.10
January 2, 2013 - February 28, 2013	7	40	280	17.00	1.30	18.30	5,124.14	4	20,496.56
March 1, 2013 - June 6, 2013	13	40	520	17.00	1.30	18.30	9,516.26	4	38,065.04
Projected Cost 2012-2013									62,221.70

Options for Services for the 2013-2014 School Year

2013-14 School Year	36	40	1440	17.00	1.30	18.30	26,352.72	5	131,763.60
2013-14 School Year	36	40	1440	17.00	1.30	18.30	26,352.72	4	105,410.88