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## **CITY OF WINOOSKI**

**And**

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**CITY OF WINOOSKI**

and

**WINOOSKI INCORPORATED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Dated this 29 of February, 2024

This memorandum of understanding is made this day between the Winooski Incorporated School District, hereinafter called "District," and the City of Winooski, hereinafter called "City."

#### **Shared Community Goals and Vision**

This MOU is intended to state the shared goals of both the City and the District to best serve all Winooski residents and codify the shared financial agreements. The City and District will strive to provide the highest level of service in the most economical manner as we seek to achieve:

- The District's Ends Policy: "All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college and career ready at a cost supported by a majority of the Winooski community. WSD students will lead healthy, productive and successful lives and engage with their local and global community."
- The City's Strategic Vision: Winooski will continue to be a livable, diverse, and affordable community where the role of government will be to foster and guide:
  - o Economic Vitality: Maintain and expand our economic development to ensure long-term vibrancy.
  - o Municipal Infrastructure: Invest in the City's municipal infrastructure, including energy resources, facilities and technology; roads and sidewalks; and water, sewer, and stormwater lines and facilities. Infrastructure investment will make our City safe and accessible to residents and visitors while recognizing the critical role that we play in the region's system.
  - o Housing: Ensure a mix of quality housing that maintains and enhances Winooski's unique sense of place and supports the needs of the entire community.
  - o Safe, Healthy, Connected People: Foster relationships across generations and cultures by providing a safe and healthy environment and providing opportunities to connect and engage with other residents of the City.

## **Term of Agreement**

This Agreement will be in effect from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025. This term allows the parties to codify agreements reached through their individual budget processes for the following fiscal year.

## **Notice of Future Changes**

The Parties agree to notify each other of significant changes being discussed by November 1st of each year so these can be incorporated into fiscal year budget planning processes.

## **Share Agreements**

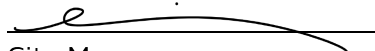
To achieve the community's shared goals, the Parties agree to:

1. Partner on the 21 C Grant program. The District will serve as the grant manager and fiscal agent. The City will support a diverse set of offering of out-of-school time programs which supplement and enhance youth's ability to "lead healthy, productive, and successful lives and engage in their local and global community."
2. Whenever requested by the District the City agrees to provide one police officer on overtime for security at sporting events and after-hours activities. In accordance with the current Police Department bargaining agreement the City will charge an hourly rate of \$50.00 per hour and a 4- hour minimum applies for all events. In the event a volunteer for overtime is unavailable the event will be covered by available on duty personnel at no cost to the Winooski School District. In these cases, the on-duty personnel may need to leave the event if other issues in the City arise.
3. Annually the District will pay to the City one-half of one percent of the statewide property taxes it collects as provided in the District Charter less any amount the state has directed the City retain for tax collections as set forth on the tax statements provided to the parties by the Agency of Education.
4. The City shall provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) through the Winooski Police Department. The District agrees to reimburse the City for all expenses related to the provision of the SRO, including salary, benefits and any related costs up to \$55,000 as approved by the voters. Each year the City will estimate for the District in the month of November the cost of the SRO for the ensuing school year. The computation will be determined as follows: The number of duty days requested by the district divided by 260 days of a full-time officer times the cost of that officer. The District and the City agree that the cost of benefits of a full-time officer will be included in the calculated cost of the SRO. Should the City not place a full-time officer at the school, the school shall pay for the actual cost of the part time officer while at the school. The SRO functions as a member of the Winooski Police Department and as such will follow the General Order issued by the Chief of Police after consultation with the Superintendent of Schools and in compliance with the Board policies that do not countermand the role of a police officer.
5. The Parties partner on the production of the School Newsletter. For the period of FY25, the City will contribute 50% of the cost for the product, with the understanding that the Parties will endeavor to keep the total cost to \$40,000 for the year. Our teams continue to partner to rebrand the document as a City-wide newsletter and make improvements as we jointly see fit. The Parties will continue to work on making this document meaningful for residents and efficiently produced and distributed.
6. The District and the City will allow the other to use its facilities for the benefit of Winooski residents, especially families and children, without charge except that when substantial added

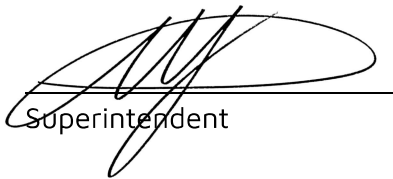
costs ensue to either the City or the District for the use of the same by the other party a reasonable charge may be assessed. City use of District facilities will not interfere with the educational programming of the schools. All school-initiated and school-endorsed activities have priority. The District will make every reasonable effort to communicate to the City their own schedule for the gyms as soon as possible, both as scheduled or if changed from that schedule.

7. The City will follow the District's Procedures when making use of the District's Multilingual Liaisons during and outside of regular working hours, as provided by the Superintendent to the City Manager.

For the City of Winooski

  
City Manager

For the Winooski School District

  
Superintendent