

**Addendum to the
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Between the North Royalton Police Department
And the North Royalton City Schools
Regarding School Resource Officers (SRO)**

This agreement is entered into and effective as an Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the North Royalton Police Department and the North Royalton City School District Board of Education for the purpose of addressing the provision of a school resource officer or officers and defining the mission of the SRO Program and executed by the parties on _____, 2022.

Whereas the parties are desirous of adding language to the current Memorandum permitting the use of a therapy dog by its assigned SRO's; and

Whereas, the parties believe that under certain appropriate circumstances and in certain of the District's school buildings, the presence of a certified therapy dog will provide benefits to students and staff;

Wherefore, the parties agree to amend the current agreement, as follows:

1. With the prior approval and agreement of the Building Administration and Superintendent, an SRO may bring his/her certified therapy Dog to his/her assigned school premises for use with the staff and students during the performance of his/her responsibilities as an SRO.
2. All shot records, certifications, training records and insurance information will be provided by the City to the District as part of the approval process. If approved, the SRO handler agrees to work with the school's administration on parameters and day-to-day guidelines for the usage of the therapy dog.
3. In addition to the above, the therapy dog will stay with the SRO handler at all times, unless a critical incident should occur, or the dog is otherwise secured in the handler's office. Provisions will be made by the SRO with the Building Administration for procedures in case of exigent circumstances.
4. The parties agree and acknowledge that the costs of the therapy dog and SRO officer pay as related to the therapy dog shall be equally shared between the District and the City. The City will provide an estimate of said costs as part of the approval process.

5. The use, utilization and/or continuation of the therapy dog on school premises remains within the sole discretion of the District and the District may terminate the use of a therapy dog at any time.

By signing, the parties agree to amend the current Memorandum of Understanding as set forth herein for the duration of that agreement.

City of North Royalton

North Royalton School District
Board of Education

Date

Date