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**Action Item
August 23, 2017**

To: Board of Trustees
From: C. Lewis, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Supports for School Resource Officer Program, Edson
Originator: K. Shipka, Assistant Superintendent – Learning Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve a \$30,000 one-time allocation to support the continuation of the RCMP School Resource Officer program in Edson.

REPORT

Background:

During the 2016-2017 school year the RCMP piloted a School Resource Officer program in Edson schools aimed to bridge the gap between the youth and the RCMP. The pilot was fully funded under the Community Policing Agreement, reducing the number of officers serving the community and allocating that officer to the school program. Evidence presented during Staff Sergeant P. King's presentation to the board, shows that the program is making a difference by increasing the relationship between youth and the RCMP as well as the overall police related incidence occurring in the community. Principals at both École Pine Grove Middle School and Parkland Composite High School confirm the program is successful.

Context of the Recommendation:

Staff Sergeant P. King approached members of the community to seek supports to continue the program. The Town of Edson, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division and Living Waters Catholic Schools were invited to collaboratively fund the program moving forward.

Staff Sergeant P. King presented to the Edson Town Council's Committee of the Whole, and it was determined that the financial impact for the program would be approximately \$107,000. GYPSD will contribute \$30,000; with the remainder being funded by the other partners.

Conclusion:

Board approval is required for \$30,000 funding for the continuation of the School Resource Officer program in Edson.