

Exhibit A

April 20, 2023

School Board of Broward County, Florida  
Lori Alhadeff, Chair  
Debra Hixon, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Earleen C. Smiley, Interim superintendent  
600 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**RE: City of Hollywood, Florida / Chapter 164 Conflict Resolution –  
Negotiation of an Agreement and Reimbursement for School  
Resource Officers**

Dear Chair Alhadeff, Vice-Chair Hixon and Interim Superintendent Smiley:

Please be advised that on April 19, 2023, the City Commission of the City of Hollywood adopted Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to Chapter 164, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of which is attached. This letter is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 164.1052, Florida Statutes.

The City of Hollywood ("City") has a conflict with the School Board of Broward County, Florida ("School Board") arising from the School Board's refusal to comply with its statutory responsibilities under Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, entitled "Safe-school officers at each public school."

Specifically, Section 1006.12, Fla. Stat., provides, in pertinent part:

For the protection and safety of school personnel, property, students, and visitors, each district school board and school district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement agencies or security agencies to establish or assign one or more safe-school officers at each school facility within the district, including charter schools... (2)(d) A district school board may enter into mutual aid agreements with one or more law enforcement agencies as provided in chapter 23. A school safety officer's salary may be paid jointly by the district school board and the law enforcement agency, as mutually agreed to.

Despite over 11 months of ongoing, good faith efforts to negotiate an agreement with the School Board to provide fair and reasonable reimbursement to the City as compensation for the 15 School Resource Officers that Hollywood has dedicated to public and charter schools throughout the City, the School Board has failed to comply with the referenced statutory obligations. In addition, despite the City providing School Resource Officers throughout the school year commencing August 2022, the School Board has failed to remit a single payment to the City as compensation for the 15 SROs in Hollywood's schools during School Year 2022-2023. And given the School Board's refusal to negotiate an agreement for the 2022-2023 School Year, it is likewise anticipated that negotiations for an agreement for School Year 2023-2024 will, at best, be delayed.

The adoption of Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ by the City of Hollywood City Commission was occasioned by the inability to resolve these issues with the School Board through the ongoing meetings between the School Board and, among many others, the City's professional administrative and law enforcement staff.

Pursuant to Section 164.1052(1), Florida Statutes, the City of Hollywood proposes that the conflict assessment meeting be held on **Monday, \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Hollywood City Hall, 2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Commission Chambers, Room 215, Hollywood, Florida 33020.** We suggest that the Interim Superintendent and City of Hollywood City Manager, as well as their respective legal counsels and other staff members best suited to address the substantive issues set forth in the attached Resolution, attend this meeting.

As this is an issue of countywide concern, we believe that every municipality providing school resource officers in public and charter schools throughout the County are stakeholders and may be affected by this dispute.

Due to the statutory notice requirements for this meeting, I appreciate your confirmation of attendance at the meeting on or before April 28, 2023.

Very truly yours,

George R. Keller, Jr., CPPT  
City Manager

cc: City of Hollywood Mayor and Commissioners  
City Attorney Douglas R. Gonzales