

ACT 7 - 2024

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

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IMA ON FILE

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending the adoption of an Act which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an inter-municipal agreement ("IMA") with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES ("BOCES"), pursuant to which BOCES will coordinate a portion of the Bureau of Justice Assistance's STOP School Violence Program by implementing Project Schools Transforming Real Interventions to Violence ("Project STRIV") at various public, private, parochial and charter schools throughout Westchester County, for a term commencing retroactively on October 1, 2023 and continuing through September 30, 2024.

Your Committee is advised that Project STRIV, funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), will expand and build upon existing school violence prevention initiatives and implement trainings to provide students, parents and school personnel with tools to recognize, respond quickly to, and prevent acts of violence. Training will be directed at the safety of the school communities to ensure the development of a positive school community climate and culture where students feel safe, accepted and respected regardless of their gender, race culture or sexual orientation.

Under the proposed IMA, BOCES will offer additional Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines ("CSTAG") and Digital Threat Assessment trainings. The focused trainings will offer coordinated strategies to increase the levels of security and safety within the school environment. The digital training will help attendees get a better understanding of the social media world and online activity and what tools and methods are available to identify online threat related behavior to prevent tragedy and intervene when worrisome behavior is observed.

In consideration for providing these services, the County will pay BOCES a total amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand (\$235,000.00) Dollars, payable in four (4) installments of \$58,750.00 each, in accordance with an approved payment schedule.

Your Committee is advised that because the definition of "municipal corporation" under New York General Municipal Law § 119-n includes "boards of cooperative education services," the proposed agreement constitutes an IMA requiring your Honorable Board's approval.

Your Committee is further advised that the proposed IMA is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof, which exempts any procurement for the creation and support of youth service projects. In addition, these services are funded with Federal grant monies and are, pursuant to Section 11 of the County Procurement Policy, subject to Federal procurement requirements. The Federal procurement regulations (2 CFR§ 200.320) require that contracts in amounts equal to or less than \$250,000, be procured competitively, unless such contracts are deemed to be “non-competitive” procurements. In accordance with 2 CFR§ 200.320(c)(4), the County’s STOP DWI Office contacted the DOJ requesting that it authorize a non-competitive proposal in this case. The DOJ subsequently approved BOCES as one of the sub awardees under the grant.

In addition, the proposed IMA does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. As such, no environmental review is required. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 12, 2023, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

Your Committee has carefully considered this matter and has concluded that it is in the best interest of the County to adopt an Act to authorize the County to enter into this IMA. It should be noted that an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the attached Act. Accordingly, your Committee recommends approval of the annexed proposed Act.

Dated: _____, 2024
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

Dated: January 29th, 2024

White Plains, New York

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January 30th, 2024

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COMMITTEE ON

Budget & Appropriations

Public Safety

Dated: January 29, 2024
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below

Committee(s) on:

Budget & Appropriations

David A. Iabico

Dated: January 30th, 2024
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Public Safety

Colin J. Amato

Margaret A. Cunzio

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: STOP-DWI Contract with PNW BOCES to help present and coordinate CSTAG (Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines) and Digital Threat Assessment trainings portion of the Project STRIV (Schools Transforming Real Interventions to Violence)
☒ **NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED**

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

(To be completed by operating department and reviewed by Budget Department)

A) ☐ **GENERAL FUND** ☐ **AIRPORT** ☐ **SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (Districts)**

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost \$ 0

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 0

Source of Funds (check one): ☐ Current Appropriations

☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations ☐ Additional Appropriations ☐ Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: Fund: 711; Dept. 71; Trust Account: T1016; Object: 9852
(October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024)

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$ 0

Describe: No impact to the Operating Budget

Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount \$ 0

Describe: No impact to the Operating Budget. Funding received from Department of Justice BJA (Bureau of Justice Assistance) STOP School Violence Prevention Program Grant. The total amount of the 3 year grant (10/1/2023-9/30/2026) is \$1,000,000 which will be accounted for in Department 71, Fund 711. This contract with PNW BOCES is for \$235,000 for 12 months (October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024)

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: \$ 0

No impact to the Operating Budget

Next Four years: \$0

Prepared by: Patricia McCarthy Tomassi

Title: Program Administrator

Department: Public Safety
Office of Drug Abuse Prevention & STOP DWI

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

11/4/2024

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ACT NO. 2024 - 7

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal Agreement with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES pursuant to which BOCES will coordinate and present a portion of the Bureau of Justice Assistance's STOP School Violence Program by implementing Project Schools Transforming Real Interventions to Violence

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (the "IMA") with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES ("BOCES"), in substantially the form attached hereto, pursuant to which BOCES will coordinate and present a portion of the Bureau of Justice Assistance's STOP School Violence Program, by implementing Project Schools Transforming Real Interventions to Violence ("Project STRIV") at various public, private, parochial and charter schools throughout Westchester County, for a term commencing retroactively on October 1, 2023 and continuing through September 30, 2024.

§2. In consideration for services rendered, the County shall pay BOCES a total amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand (\$235,000.00) Dollars, payable in four (4) installments of \$58,750.00 each, in accordance with an approved payment schedule.

§3. The County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents appropriate and necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

§4. This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 7 - 2024, with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole, of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators, of the County of Westchester on February 5, 2024, and approved by the County Executive on February 6, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 7th day of February, 2024.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

