



North Tonawanda City Schools

2023-24 Budget

STUDY SESSION – Security Measures

Board of Education Meeting
January 4, 2022

The presentation tonight will focus on security measure considerations as a component of the 2023-24 budget.



**TO PROTECT
& EDUCATE:**
The School Resource Officer and the
Prevention of Violence in Schools





Discussion Items

- I. School Security Measures
 - a. SRO
 - b. Security
 - c. Budget Impact
- II. Metal Detectors
 - a. Options
 - b. Logistics
 - c. Budget Impact

Alyssa's Law

Senate Bill S7132B

District-wide school safety teams shall consider, as part of its reviews of the comprehensive district-wide safety plan, the installation of a panic alarm system...

"panic alarm system" shall mean a silent security system signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-threatening or emergency situation...

May include one or more of the following: wired panic button or buttons, wireless panic button or buttons or a mobile or computer application;...



Funded and
near
completion



Heading

SRO Options vs. Security

- **Security** is hourly.
- Offers flexibility if the district needs to reduce the contract mid year.
- Would provide for extra person in each K-3 daily.
- **SRO**
- Entered into two year contracts.
- City budget and school budget are not the same calendar.
- Could be one person that travels.



Budget Impact

2023-24 Proposed
Budget **Expenditures**

	2023-24	2022-23	Change
Contract Security - Spruce	\$80,000	\$75,000	\$5,000
Contract Security - Drake	\$80,000	\$75,000	\$5,000
Contract Security - Ohio	\$80,000	\$75,000	\$5,000
Contract SRO – NTI	\$112,500	\$112,500	\$0
Contract SRO – MS	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$0
Contract SRO – HS	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Totals	\$490,000	\$475,000	\$15,000

This reflects the budget based on estimated contractual increase for security of about 6 %. The SRO contract is in the final year of a two year municipal agreement.



Budget Impact

2023-24 Proposed
Budget **Expenditures**

	2023-24	2022-23	Change
Contract SRO - Spruce	\$110,000	\$75,000	\$35,000
Contract SRO - Drake	\$110,000	\$75,000	\$35,000
Contract SRO - Ohio	\$110,000	\$75,000	\$35,000
Contract SRO - NTI	\$112,500	\$112,500	\$0
Contract SRO - MS	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$0
Contract SRO - HS	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Totals	\$625,000	\$475,000	\$105,000

This reflects the budget based on estimated contractual increase for three additional SROs. The SRO contract is in the final year of a two year municipal agreement.

Metal Detection

Options:



Company: CEIA USA

Product: Opengate weapons detection system

What it looks like: Two thin towers per gate

How it works: People walk between the two gates one at a time. Positive alerts generate audio and visual (lights) signals from the towers

Company Claims:

The company claims its systems are better because of their combined abilities to detect threats, to ignore non-threats, and to perform in adverse conditions (rain, snow, etc.).

Weaknesses: Light so they were susceptible to being tipped over by strong winds. More susceptible to damage or malfunction. Less sophisticated software or scanning compared to other market options.

Strengths: Portable/Flexible, Lower Price entry model.



Metal Detection

Options:

The Evolv logo, featuring the word "evolv" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "v" is stylized with a horizontal bar that extends to the right and then curves upwards.

Company: Evolv Technology

Product: Evolv Express weapons detection system

What it looks like: A two-lane system with one big panel gate in the middle and a smaller pole-type gate on each side

How it works: Groups of people can walk in with no need to have single-file flow. Objects can be kept in pockets or bags. Alerts cause a sound and light change on the panel; staffers also watch a tablet that shows video of where the alert object is on the person's body.



Weaknesses: System is large and not as portable or flexible when moving stations. One of the most expensive options on market.

Strengths: Sophisticated software and scanning. Can handle large crowds and facilitates continuous flow of traffic.



Budget Impact

2023-24 Proposed
Budget Expenditures

	2023-24	2022-23	Change
Safe Act purchases – Metal Detection	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,00
Totals	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,00

The District makes Safe Act purchases every year for cameras and entrance hardening measures. This budget line reflects only metal detection.

A \$200,000 budget would purchase an estimated

- SIX units for the OPENATE model
- ONE unit for a double lane Evolv System

Questions????



KEY IDEAS

As we move through the budget process we will add the additional wants. In the end the budget we take to the public should be a good mixture of added programs with a modest tax rate.

Thank You

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