



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: 2024 Education Summit Review

MEETING DATE: April 16, 2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Receive and file a review of the Education Summit meeting held on November 12, 2024.

DISCUSSION

Background

Established in 2020, the City and School Districts City Council Sub-Committee is responsible for convening an annual Education Summit, bringing together school representatives to exchange information and identify collaboration opportunities between the City and schools to address common challenges. In 2024, Councilmembers Lesa Sobek and Ricky Estrada were appointed as the City Council's representatives on the committee.

The fifth annual Education Summit was held on November 12, 2024, with representatives from Meniffee Union School District (MUSD), Perris Union High School District (PUHSD), and Romoland School District, as well as Santa Rosa Academy and Springs Charter Schools, and Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) invited to participate. The focus of the 2024 Summit was on how the City and schools can collaborate to enhance safety in the Community. Each representative discussed common safety measures affecting both the City and the schools, including safe routes to schools and the various safety programs and services available to students.

City Updates

The Community Development Director provided an update on the City's ongoing residential development and current projects. This includes Adler Ranch, Golden Meadows, and Legado, which will feature model homes available for viewing in 2025. It was reported that there has been a shift in the types of projects being developed, with an increasing focus on townhomes, multi-family homes, and condos.

The Public Works Manager provided an update on street conditions around school sites, including signage, striping, sidewalks, ADA ramps, and crosswalks at various schools, including Mesa View Elementary School and Katherine Newport Middle School.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Management Analyst provided an overview of the City's Complete Streets Plan, including its formation and how the plan identifies priority areas for improvement and recommends projects to focus on.

The Police Chief provided a report detailing how the Menifee Police Department (MPD) has collaborated with local schools. This includes giving presentations at schools, maintaining an on-site presence of a School Resource Officer (SRO), and ensuring prompt response times to any threats. The importance of Knox Boxes at school sites was also highlighted, which can enhance response times during incidents. Additionally, it was discussed that MPD will present an Electronic Bicycle (e-bike) Ordinance for the City Council's consideration and provide schools with e-bike education.

The Fire Chief discussed the Explorer's Program and the Menifee Life Saver Program, with classes available to the community. The committee was provided with an update that all school sites were uploaded into the County's Computer-Aided Design (CAD) system.

School Updates

School representatives provided updates on key initiatives and concerns. MUSD emphasized the importance of introducing e-bike education in the City and shared that school transportation has been reintroduced, with a 60/40 percent cost-sharing arrangement with the State. MSJC reported on the ongoing construction of the math and science buildings. PUHSD expressed appreciation for the presence of the Menifee Police and Fire Departments in schools and raised concerns about speeding along Highway 74, requesting additional speed signage. The Romoland School District highlighted the need for increased traffic enforcement during school pick-up and drop-off hours.

Committee Comments

The Committee discussed the importance of researching upcoming legislative opportunities to foster collaboration with other agencies, while also highlighting the value of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and suicide prevention training. There was also a request to assess unpaved roads near school sites for potential improvements.

Next Steps

Staff members were instructed to review the following items:

- Explore Legislation/funding to support educational programs and facilities for Menifee schools
- Develop a Student in Government program
- Explore the feasibility of expanding the CERT program to include youth
- Explore opportunities to integrate suicide prevention training into existing school education and safety programs
- Explore funding for more School Resource Officers
- Enhance safe routes to schools by closing gaps in sidewalks, roads, trails, and other infrastructure to ensure students have safe access to schools
- Explore e-bike safety education and enforcement

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Community Engagement and Social Infrastructure

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.