
Board of Education

INFORMATION

TITLE:	Police Cruisers Loaned by Sebastian County to the Fort Smith Public Schools Police Department
DATE:	October 10, 2019
RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:	Bill Hollenbeck, Director of Security and Facilities
VISION 2023 STRATEGY:	5. Learning Environment/Facilities

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

Through a program offered by Sebastian County, our district is now able to expand the resources available to our new police department for the benefit of our students. Specifically, the FSPSPD will receive the use of three recently replaced Sebastian County Sheriff's Department police cruisers on an indefinite basis.

When a county agency receives new vehicles through its replacement cycle, vehicles that have been replaced are transferred to the possession of the county judge for disposition. The county judge has the option to loan the vehicles to smaller agencies who can continue to use them. Judge David Hudson has authorized the loan of these three vehicles to the FSPSPD. FSPS officers will use them until the district determines that they should be returned to the county for disposition. Once ready for service in our district, they will be deployed to the junior high schools on a rotating basis and otherwise utilized by FSPSPD officers as needed.

There are some costs to the district of utilizing the vehicles. To prepare them for use, Sebastian County logos will be removed from the cars by FSPS staff. Then, the vehicles will be outfitted with FSPS logos. The receiving agency is also responsible for costs related to maintenance, gas, and insurance. Fortunately, these recently retired police cars are reported to be in excellent condition because they have received preventative maintenance throughout their five years of use. When the district chooses to discontinue use of these three vehicles, they will be returned to the county for disposition.

Although the purchase of new police vehicles had not been planned for the FSPS Police Department, the value of this loan to the district is illustrated by the fact that three new and fully outfitted police cars would cost up to \$90,000. We are grateful for Judge David Hudson and Sebastian County for making these vehicles available to support our efforts to serve and protect our students.

VISION 2023 STRATEGIES - **1. Career Planning:** Develop and implement education and career pathways so that each student graduates with a viable plan and relevant skill set for his or her future. **2. Equity:** Develop and implement a system-wide plan to provide all students with the resources they need to optimize their learning. **3. Instruction:** Design, develop and implement programs to promote rigor, relevance, collaboration, critical- thinking skills and learning environments designed to meet each student's unique needs and aspirations. **4. Learning Environment/Facilities:** Align resources, facilities and technology strategically and equitably across the district to maximize security and enhance the learning environment. **5. Staffing:** Recruit and retain highly-qualified faculty, staff and administration. **6. Technology:** Provide appropriate technology that is consistently available, effectively supported and equitably distributed for group and individual instruction. **7. Wellness:** Develop and train empathetic and nurturing employees to be sensitive to and supportive of the needs of all children and families.