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MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
CC: Dr. Tim Mitchell, Superintendent – Rapid City Area Schools
From: Mayor Sam Kooiker *Sam Kooiker*
Date: August 11, 2014
Subject: Lifeways appropriation for 2015

When the 2015 budget was being put together, the appropriation for Lifeways remained unchanged on the presumption that School District's appropriation was staying the same. Since the fall of 2002, in order to leverage State Funding for School Based Prevention, the School District and the City have each contributed \$50k annually for this important endeavor. The level of funding by the City has not changed in 12 years. Based on the 2002 agreement, the City has typically followed the School District's lead in setting the amount of the appropriation.

The 2002 agreement needs to be updated, so the City and School are currently negotiating an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City, School District and Lifeways. The purpose of the MOU would not be to bind the City or School District to a certain appropriation, but simply lay out the parameters of the City and School District's support of this important program.

I wholeheartedly support Lifeways' request of an additional \$10k for the 2015 budget based on the School District's recommendation to the School Board to increase the 2015 appropriation to \$60k. Therefore, the annual appropriation for the City for 2015 would be \$60k, rather than \$50k. I encourage the Council to amend the 2015 budget accordingly, subject to the School Board's approval of their funding increase.



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