

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Barrington Police Department
and
Barrington School Department

This document represents an agreement between the Police Department and School Department to engage in cooperative efforts aimed at the reduction and eventual elimination of violence in schools. It is through this cooperation that we may maintain a safe and secure learning environment in our schools. This effort has been supported and shall be monitored by the Attorney General's Task Force Against Violence in Schools.

In order to ensure success, the parties to this memorandum include the Superintendent, principals, teachers, school personnel, school bus drivers, local police, these parties agree that:

1. All school staff members are under obligation to report any and all incidents of the possession or use of weapons by any person on school grounds to the principal, or designee immediately. Police shall be notified by the principal or designee accordingly.
2. All school staff members are under obligation to report any and all incidents of aggravated assaults on other persons or school staff to the principal, or designee. The principal or designee shall determine whether an assault is aggravated so as to constitute police involvement. Police shall be notified by the principal or designee accordingly.
3. The principal or designee shall coordinate all procedures in these matters with police and shall report said incidents to the Superintendent or designee.
4. Upon a report of said incidents, the Police Department shall conduct an investigation with school officials to determine what course of action shall be taken. The parents of persons subject to an investigation shall be notified by the school officials immediately.
5. Where appropriate, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Attorney General's Law Enforcement subcommittee's policy, police shall pursue criminal action against said persons.
6. School staff members shall cooperate with prosecuting authorities as persons are charged with such offenses. This may include revealing information to police and testifying at proceedings when necessary.
7. The Juvenile Department of the Police shall record all such occurrences in a log entitled "Violence in Schools." Such record shall include the nature of the incident, school official and law enforcement efforts and the disposition of the case, if any.
8. The school shall keep a similar running log of all such incidents.

9. The Police Department may notify school officials of arrests of persons made if it appears the person arrested and victim attended the same school. Police may notify school officials the first school day following the incident.

10. Any suspicions of weapons or assault incidents must be reported to the principal or designee immediately. The principal or designee shall share this information with the local police immediately when such suspicion presents a dangerous situation.

11. Administration and Law Enforcement shall share such important information in prevention of future violence.

12. The procedures contained in this Memorandum should be consistent with a zero tolerance for violence in schools.

This represents an agreement between Law Enforcement and School Officials to effectuate an open line of communication to better deal with and prosecute those persons who pose a threat to the safety of students in schools.

Chief of Police _____

Superintendent _____

Principal _____

Juvenile Chief _____