

STATEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND THE LONDONDERRY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Police Department mutually recognize that they have important, yet distinct, obligations in relation to allegations of criminal behavior or misconduct within the school system. The parties reaffirm the principles set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding as to reporting incidents of potential criminal behavior.

The parties recognize that school officials have to use and exercise discretion in dealing with students. The discretion varies in relation to the age of the student and the types of misconduct that are to be dealt with. The following examples are generally accepted as evidence of serious misconduct which would result in an immediate contact with the Police Department:

1. Physical assault resulting in injury to the victim
2. A verbal threat which results in an actual fear of harm or a potential for harm to others
3. Intentional unwanted and unprovoked physical contact or harm to others
4. Premeditated actions involving actual physical contact or threats of physical violence
5. Sexual assaults
6. Multiple or repeated confrontations, threats or physical contacts between the same parties or by the same perpetrator

The school administration recognizes that prompt investigation by the Police Department is an effective way to protect the safety of students and staff and to arrive at the truth as to allegations of misconduct. Obtaining the truth is the mutual objective of all parties.

Whenever physical contact occurs of a serious nature, the Police will be notified immediately, directly or through their representative on the school grounds. In addition, the school will make available to the representatives of the Police Department at the school facilities records of minor complaints of physical contact or threats that are recorded by school administrators.

Both parties recognize and acknowledge the duties to investigate promptly and effectively any allegations of misconduct. The parties agree to work cooperatively to assist each other in meeting their needs for prompt, effective and efficient investigations. The Police

Department recognizes that the school officials have certain duties to provide due process protections to students and staff who are the subject of allegations of misconduct. To the extent that it's practical, in circumstances of alleged serious misconduct the School District will attempt to notify the Police Department prior to undertaking its own independent investigations. Once the Police Department has been notified, the parties agree to work together to accomplish their investigation objectives. As the Police Department proceeds with its investigation, the Police Department will cooperate with the School District by providing information to the School District as may be lawful, appropriate and necessary to allow the School District to process disciplinary actions against the alleged perpetrator.

Both parties agree that certain confidentiality are required under State and Federal law in dealing with the names of minor students and the parties agree to take no action which would violate State or Federal law,

The school administration recognizes that police personnel are more experienced in interrogation procedures and therefore in serious matters, will yield to the police for interrogation if requested by the Police Department. This agreement does not prohibit the School District from conducting its own independent investigation if necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of students and staff. To the extent possible, said investigation will be done cooperatively with the Police Department.

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD
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