River Trails
SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: The Board of Education, River Trails District 26
From: Dr. Jodi Megerle, Superintendent
Date: November 10, 2026
Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Mount Prospect Police Department

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Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Education with a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between River Trails School District 26 and the Village of Mount Prospect (Mount Prospect Police Department). Pursuant to Section 10-20.14 of the Illinois School Code, school districts are required to maintain reciprocal reporting guidelines with local law enforcement to address criminal activity and support student and school safety. This updated IGA establishes clear protocols for reciprocal information sharing and sets formal security parameters governing police access to District security camera feeds in emergency situations. Currently, the Mount Prospect Police do not have access to the District's cameras.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Mount Prospect for Reciprocal Reporting as presented.

Background

Under the Illinois School Code, public school districts and local law enforcement agencies must collaborate to develop and maintain reciprocal reporting procedures concerning juvenile offenses, weapons, and substance violations. Over recent years, modern school safety practices have evolved, requiring clearer boundaries around technology sharing (such as digital video feeds) and confidentiality protocols.

The District administration and legal counsel have reviewed the terms in collaboration with Mount Prospect Police Chief to create an agreement that balances immediate response capabilities with student privacy rights.

This agreement directly complements ongoing statewide school safety advancements, including Illinois' enactment of Alyssa's Law (P.A. 104-0789) and state crisis response mapping initiatives. The District is currently awaiting the results of a grant intended to fully fund digital crisis mapping for our facilities. While direct panic alerts and digital maps deliver immediate 911 dispatch notification and building layouts, this IGA establishes the legal and operational framework for tactical camera access and reciprocal incident reporting. Together, they represent a **holistic crisis response** and when combined, panic alert systems, digital GIS maps, reciprocal incident sharing, and tactical camera feeds form the modern ecosystem that state homeland security officials advocate for.

Summary of Key Provisions

Reciprocal Information Exchange:

- **District to Police:** The District is required to report verified incidents involving firearms, drugs (within 1,000 feet of school property or on buses), and written complaints of battery against school personnel.
- **Police to District:** The Police Department will notify District leadership of arrests/detentions, violent offenses, weapons violations, or controlled substance offenses involving enrolled students when there is an imminent threat to school safety, as well as required statutory updates under 105 ILCS 5/22-20.

Live Camera Feed Access:

- Live feeds may be accessed by tactical forces strictly during an active health or safety emergency.
- Within **48 hours** of accessing the feed, the Police Department must submit a written explanation to the Superintendent detailing the date and emergency justification.
- Recording of live security feeds is prohibited except when immediately necessary due to a threat of physical harm.
- Historical recorded footage requests involving criminal acts must be processed and approved through the Director of Business Services and Operations.

Student Privacy & Records:

- Police reports and law enforcement information exchanged under this agreement will be maintained separately and will **not** become part of the student's permanent or cumulative educational record.
- Information exchanged is exempt from improper public disclosure in adherence to FERPA guidelines.

Annual Review & Coordination:

- District IT staff and police personnel will coordinate technical set up.
- Designated school and police officials will meet to review implementation and update contact protocols at their annual safety meeting.

Financial Impact

Technical setup for emergency camera feed access will be handled collaboratively between the District's technology department and the Mount Prospect Police Department. While the teams will leverage existing District IT infrastructure and internal staff wherever possible, finalizing the technical integration, including verifying secure viewing protocols and adequate video storage capacity, may result in a modest expenditure to the District, estimated between $1,000.00 and $2,000.00.

Timeline and Next Steps

- **Board Action:** December, 2026 Regular Meeting
- **Implementation:** District IT staff will coordinate with Mount Prospect Police to set up and launch emergency feed systems by March 1, 2027.

Attachments

- IGA