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MEMO

To: Board of Education

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CC: Dr. Ed Condon

RE: School Crossing Guard Services - Overview

Date: February 10, 2018

Below please find a brief overview of the school crossing guard services in River Forest as well as the division of responsibilities and sharing of costs as indicated in the Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and the Village dated 8/16/10 as well as the Amendment to that agreement dated 8/20/12.

Prior to the execution of the 8/16/10 Intergovernmental Agreement, the Village had employed school crossing guards for public safety. However, due to the Village's financial position at the time, it determined that it could no longer pay for school crossing guards. As part of the 8/16/10 Intergovernmental Agreement, the District agreed to reimburse the Village for the related costs associated with employing the guards and the Village agreed to hire and employ them. It was agreed that the guards would be treated as part-time Village employees for all purposes, including the requirement of a criminal background check. It was also agreed that the Village would provide the District with a written statement semi-annually for the District to pay for services rendered. The locations of the crossing guards agreed upon at that time were as follows:

- 1. Lathrop and Oak
- 2. Lathrop and Chicago
- 3. Franklin and Division
- 4. Park and Lake
- 5. Franklin and Lake
- 6. Lathrop and Division

District 90's annual cost for these guards for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 were \$30,742 and 33,286, respectively.

In July of 2012, the Village entered into an agreement with Andy Frain Services, Inc. to administer the crossing guard program in the Village. On 8/20/12, the District and the Village agreed on an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement, which included the Village's arrangement to outsource the administration of the crossing guard program to a third party. It also included the Village and District agreeing to equally pay 50% each of all additional costs of the program above \$35,650.

District 90's annual cost for fiscal years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 were \$43,210.75, \$51,927.88, 55,110.99, \$54,076.06 and \$61,320.37.

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The increase in costs over the years in due primarily to the outsourcing of the program, inflationary increases, as well as placement of additional crossing guards throughout the District. The number of guards increased to seven in fiscal year 2012, eight in 2014, nine in 2015 and 10 in 2017. Currently, the locations are as follows:

- 1. Lathrop and Oak
- 2. Lathrop and Chicago
- 3. Franklin and Division
- 4. Park and Lake
- 5. Franklin and Lake
- 6. Lathrop and Division
- 7. Chicago and Jackson
- 8. Oak and Jackson
- 9. Roosevelt North Parking Lot Entrance
- 10. Roosevelt Lathrop Thru Parking Lot Entrance

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.