

## **Residency Investigations**

District #24 is considering the use of a private investigation firm to carry out residency investigations to ensure that all students are appropriately enrolled in the Millburn School District.

Rationale for hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> party company for investigating residency information:

- Participating in formal residency investigations may save our school district a significant amount of money over time. For example, Millburn spends approximately \$10,000 on average to educate each student. Therefore, a family with two students that is inappropriately registered at Millburn costs the district \$20,000 per year.
- Using an outside company avoids placing staff members at risk.
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> party presents an unbiased collection of factual data.
- An outside firm will have access to databases that the school district does not have.
- An outside firm will have much more experience in this type of activity.

Cost:

- Costs vary based on the type of services requested. The cost from one company for doing a “screening” of all parents in the first year would be \$2 per family. We have approximately 1000 families in the district. The initial screening would generate a list of people that may require further investigation.
- The costs of investigations on an hourly basis range from \$26 per hour to \$120 per hour depending on the firm.