

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Millburn Public Schools

ACTION ITEM

November 23, 2009

To: Board of Education Members

From: Ellen E. Mauer, PhD

Subject: Waiver for Lindenhurst Police Department

Proposed Action by the Board of Education

Approve a waiver for the Lindenhurst Police Department from rental fees for training at Millburn West School.

Background

This is one of those situations that may come up from time to time involving a fee waiver. In this case, Chief McKeever has submitted a waiver request for their department to use Millburn West for training in case of a school emergency. Since we consult with them about our crisis plans and we their using our facilities directly benefits our students, we are asking for a waiver of fees for one weekend day. Attached is the Lindenhurst Police Department's request for the waiver.

Email sent to Dr. Mauer from Chief McKeever requesting waiver of facilities fee.

Dr. Mauer - As you may already be aware, the Lindenhurst Police Department (together sometimes with the Sheriffs Department and one other police agency) occasionally conducts intensive training exercises using simulated weapons in area buildings, and specifically schools. We have previously used the Millburn West building for these exercises in dealing with armed offenders inside schools. School personnel have sometimes actively observed and contributed thoughts and ideas to the training.

In anticipation of a planned armed-response training exercise at Millburn West, Principal Jorgenson has advised us of established fees for facilities charges and custodial service fees. The basis for such fees is obvious and understandable. Nevertheless I am asking that our training be categorized as District Sponsored and all fees be waived since the prime beneficiary of the training is both the police who would respond to your building and also the staff and students being defended. We would like to continue our use of the school building since familiarity of the physical facility by the officers (most of whom have no reason to otherwise enter) is most important.

If the fee waiver can be extended to us, we will go ahead with our plan to use Millburn West and coordinate it with the staff.

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