

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20040575

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Board review and approve Letter of Agreement for Maintaining a Safe Campus Environment at the Lehigh Senior High School and East County Regional Library

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: Board must approve Letters of Agreement

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Allows the Lee County School Board and Lee County Government to enter into an agreement to assist in ensuring that school personnel work with county staff to maintain a safe campus. Agreement approved by the School Board on April 20, 2004

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT #:

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3. MEETING DATE:

05-18-2004

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER** _____
- B. DEPARTMENT** _____
- C. DIVISION** Library
- BY:** Cynthia N. Cobb, Director

7. BACKGROUND:

Lee County's East County Regional Library adjoins Lehigh Senior High School. It was the intent of the School Board and Lee County to build such facilities next to each other to provide students with easy access to research materials and educational resources. Upon dismissal from high school, 100+ students frequent the library. On many occasions certain students have engaged in disruptive behavior on the Library grounds.

Florida law does not impose a legal duty on the School Board to supervise students after school, off-campus and for non-school related activities. The School Board may amend its school policy to impose greater restrictions on student's behavior and conduct while using the County's library after school, with appropriate sanctions for those who choose not to abide by the Library's reasonable rules and regulations.

This agreement serves a public purpose to safely maintain a campus environment and encourage the co-location of future schools and libraries by the School Board and Lee County.

Attachment: Letter of Agreement for Maintaining a Safe School Campus Environment (2 copies)

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>Cynthia N. Cobb 5/4/04</i>				<i>[Signature]</i> 5/4/04	<i>OA</i> <i>[Signature]</i> 5/5/04	<i>OM</i> <i>[Signature]</i> 5/5/04	<i>Risk</i> <i>[Signature]</i> 5/6/04	<i>GC</i> <i>[Signature]</i> 5/6/04	<i>[Signature]</i>

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

Rec. by CoAtty
Date: 5/5/04
Time: 9:50 am
Forwarded To: Co. Admin 5/5/04

RECEIVED BY
COUNTY ADMIN: *[Signature]*
5/5/04
11:45 am
COUNTY ADMIN
FORWARDED TO: *[Signature]*
5/6/04
3:30 pm

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SCHOOL BOARD OF
LEE COUNTY

March 16, 2004

School Board of Lee County
2055 Central Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33901

AND

Board of County Commissioners
P. O. Box 398
Fort Myers, FL 33902

RE: MAINTAINING A SAFE SCHOOL CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

On January 7, 2004, staff from Lee County Government and the School District met to discuss potential terms and conditions for a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the School Board and Lee County for maintaining a safe "campus" environment at the Lehigh Senior High School and Lehigh Library site, where both entities co-located structures of mutual benefit (hereinafter referred to as "campus").

As you are aware, the need for a safe campus environment is essential for students as well as patrons of the Lee County Library system. The Memorandum of Understanding will greatly assist in ensuring that school personnel work with county staff to prevent acts of delinquency or acts which violate School Board policy from occurring on or about "campus."

The School Board and Lee County find that such an agreement serves a public purpose and enter into the following Memorandum of Understanding:

- (1) Throughout the school year and when school is in session, the Lee County School Board will supervise students' behavior and conduct for a minimum of three (3) hours after the end of the school day by providing adequate security on all school property during such time.
- (2) Such security will be provided by the School Board, at its own expense and will be subject to the school's control and supervision.

The proposed security will be responsible for the following:

- (A) Maintaining a safe campus environment.

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- (B) Providing the appropriate response regarding criminal activity occurring on campus.
 - (C) Act as a communication liaison with law enforcement provided by the County at the Library and provide basic information, as allowed by law, concerning students on the campus served by them.
 - (D) Gather information regarding potential problems such as criminal activity, student unrest, and attempt to identify particular individuals who may be a disruptive influence to the school and/or library. Refer such information to the appropriate school official for disciplinary action or to law enforcement for legal action.
 - (E) Respond to the library site when assistance is requested by the library staff or the law enforcement officer.
- (3) In exchange, the County, at its own expense will provide for the placement of a sheriff's deputy to assist in the management of the students between the hours of 2:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. on library property.

A safely maintained campus environment will encourage the co-location of future schools and libraries by the School Board and the County.

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SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Janne S. Dozier

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Approved as to Form:
By: [Signature]
School Board Attorney

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By: Janne S. Dwyer

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School Board Attorney

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY