

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____ by and between the Fleetwood Area School District (hereinafter referred to as "district") and the Northern Berks Regional Police Department (hereinafter referred to as "police").

A. Authority

This Memorandum of Understanding is being developed pursuant to Act 26 of 1995, Section 1303(c), in order to establish the procedures to be followed when an incident occurs involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon on school property.

B. Reciprocity

1. It is hereby UNDERSTOOD that the parties to this Memorandum will communicate and contact each other immediately upon information that an incident has occurred involving an act of violence or possession of a weapon on school property.
2. If the incident occurs during non-school hours, every effort will be made by the Police to contact a school official.
3. The parties to this Memorandum may independently pursue disciplinary or criminal charges against any student for acts of violence or possession of a weapon on school property.
4. Each party shall cooperate with the other in pursuing any charges against a student.
5. The disposition of any matter involving students which occurred as the result of an act of violence or possession of a weapon on school property shall be reported to the other party.
6. The police agree to provide official incident reports to the district that may be utilized by the district in the adjudication of a student's right to continue attending classes or activities as the result of an act of violence or possession of a weapon on school property. The police shall also make their best effort to ensure that appropriate personnel will be available to testify at student adjudications if required.

C. Definitions

1. Act of Violence shall include the following:
 - a. an incident resulting in a serious bodily injury;
 - b. repeated offensive contact or altercations;
 - c. an incident resulting in a detention by the police or other agency; and
 - d. an incident resulting in serious property damage or vandalism.
2. School officials shall refer to any administrator or other designated person.
3. Non-school hours shall refer to any time period during which school is not in session including weekends and summer.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the following:

Fleetwood Area School District**Northern Berks Regional Police Department**

Superintendent

Date

Chief of Police

Date

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

Date