

## **Live Streaming Memorandum of Understanding**

**By and between**

**Wall Township Pubic Schools and**

**Wall Township Police Department**

### **I. Introduction**

Schools and law enforcement share responsibility for school safety and must work together with complimentary policies and procedures to ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff members. As such, the Wall Township Public Schools and the Wall Township Police Department have recognized the need for a shared understanding as to the use of security cameras in the schools in a way that enhances security and aids law enforcement while respecting the privacy expectations of members of the school community.

Currently, the school is equipped with security cameras and the Wall Township Police Department has the means to remotely view real time footage and video recordings from said cameras.

### **II. Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to set forth guidelines for the Wall Township Public Schools and Wall Township Police Department as to the role and responsibilities of each in the use of security cameras and surveillance in the school.

### **III. Agreement**

In furtherance of this objective, the Wall Township Public Schools and Wall Township Police Department agree to the following:

#### **A. Non-Emergency Situations**

It is not intended or expected that school security cameras will be routinely monitored in real time by the Wall Township Police Department. Nor is it intended or expected that video recordings from those security cameras will be routinely reviewed by the Wall Township Police Department.

Nevertheless, in cases of non-emergency situations, including but not limited to, false fire alarm pulls, vandalism, theft, physical altercations and training, the Superintendent or

building principal, or his or her designee, may, at his or her discretion, invite law enforcement to review video recordings from school security cameras.

Law enforcement officers may independently access a school's video recordings in non-emergency situations only after receiving approval from the building principal or his or her designee. The principal or his or her designee may grant or deny said access at his or her discretion.

B. Emergency Situations

In the event of emergency situations, including but not limited to, active shooters, bomb-threats, or any other circumstances that produce an immediate threat to life, limb, or safety of building occupants, the Wall Township Police Department may access the school security cameras' real-time footage and video recordings without the prior approval of the Wall Township Public Schools. This authority shall extend to emergency situations that occur both during and after hours. This authority shall also extend to after school hours when the Wall Township Police Department (1) is notified of an alarm sounding and/or (2) suspect criminal activity on school property.

C. Dissemination

No member of the Wall Township Police Department is to disseminate, in any way, real-time footage or video recordings from school security cameras. Requests for the release or recorded materials must be approved by the Superintendent or his or her designee.

D. Training

All Wall Township Police Department personnel involved in the use of school security cameras or review of camera footage will be instructed in the technical and ethical parameters of appropriate camera use and will receive a copy of this policy and provide a written acknowledgement that they have read and understood its contents.

E. Applicability to School Resource Officers

This Memorandum is not intended to alter or limit the current authority granted to School Resource Officers to access real-time footage or video recordings from school security cameras.

F. Violations of the Agreement

The Wall Township Public Schools retains the right to modify this agreement or restrict future access to school security cameras and surveillance. Misuse of the school security

cameras and/or security footage shall be addressed on a case-by-case basis by the Wall Township Public Schools.

IV. Monitoring of Use

A. It is understood that the equipment at the Wall Township Police Department Headquarters with access to school security cameras will remain off until such time that there is an Emergency Situation or in Non-Emergency Situations, Superintendent or designee approval to view video recordings is received.

B. The Wall Township Public Schools will monitor the livestream access accounts and report log in activity to the Superintendent on a monthly basis.


V. List of Designated Law Enforcement Authorities

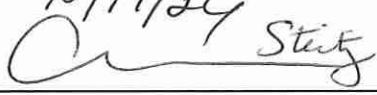
A confidential list of designated law enforcement personnel who are authorized to activate the equipment to view live streaming video, including contact information, position, rank and supervisor's contact information will be provided by the Wall Township Police Department. The confidential list will be an attachment to this MOU and updated yearly.

Wall Township Public Schools

Wall Township Police Department

  
Tracy Handershan  
Superintendent

  
Sean O'Halloran  
Chief of Police

Date: 12/17/24  
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Date: 12/3/24

Christine Steitz  
Board President

Date: