



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN THE PUYALLUP SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**

Parties:

Puyallup School District ("School District")
Pierce County Juvenile Court ("Truancy Unit")

Purpose:

The MOU between the Puyallup School District and the Truancy Unit has been developed for the following purposes:

1. Define the roles of each of the parties.
2. Facilitate the acts of all parties toward a collaborative and uniform process for truancy cases.

Authority:

The parties' actions regarding truancy are governed by RCW 28A.225, et. seq.

Roles and Responsibilities:

1. The School District shall:
 - a. Identify the person or persons who coordinate(s) School District efforts to address excessive absenteeism and truancy (Updated through OSPI).
 - b. Provide a designee to represent the school district during all truancy actions, including but not limited to, preparing/filing documents, participating in negotiations and attending all hearings on behalf of the school district.
 - c. Follow the statutory requirements and procedures regarding truancy.
 - d. Agree that all truancy proceedings will be initiated by a petition, which will be stayed initially, allowing for the opportunity to resolve the truancy matters through alternative interventions.
 - e. Establish a Community Engagement Board or other coordinated intervention to address students' barriers to attendance and maintain communication with the Truancy Unit regarding these efforts.
 - f. Provide appropriate service of all documents related to the truancy proceedings on the appropriate parties.
 - g. Ensure that all necessary evidence and witnesses are provided for the truancy proceedings in Juvenile Court.
 - h. Provide regular updates to the Truancy Unit regarding the attendance and performance of children involved in the truancy process.
 - i. Authorize the Truancy Unit to file documents with the Court on the School District's behalf.

2. The Truancy Unit shall:

- a. Assign a Truancy Juvenile Probation Counselor to the School District who will provide ongoing assistance to the School District at Community Engagement Boards when a school files a Truancy petition and stays it. The assigned Truancy Probation Officer will make recommendations as to possible interventions, and provide updates, if any, to the School District.
- b. Provide Positive Youth Development (PYD) Programs for youth ages 13 and above, who are on a truancy petition and are determined to be appropriate for such programs following a screening of the referral by the assigned Truancy Juvenile Probation Counselor.
- c. File documents on behalf of the School District, as requested by the School District and as arranged directly with the Truancy Unit.


The Parties agree to work collaboratively towards the goals of addressing and eliminating truancy with appropriate communication and respect while following the terms herein. This MOU will be reviewed annually (per school year) by both parties at which time revisions may be made and the agreement renewed.



School District Representative

9/5/23

Date



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Pierce County Juvenile Court
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9/5/23

Date



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Sep 18, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting at Kessler Center and livestreamed via Zoom
Category	3. Consent Agenda
Subject	E. Business Services - Interlocal Agreement - Pierce County Juvenile Court
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	Approval of Interlocal Agreement - Pierce County Juvenile Court, as presented.

Submitted by:

Laura Marcoe, Assistance Superintendent of Business & Support Services.

Issue:

Consideration for approval of an interlocal agreement between Pierce County Juvenile Court and Puyallup School District to define roles and facilitate a collaborative and uniform process for truancy cases in Pierce County.

Background:

RCW 28A.320.080 and RCW 39.34 authorizes school districts in the State of Washington to enter into cooperative agreements between governmental agencies to purchase equipment, supplies and services for use in the school district.

Discussion:

Pierce County Juvenile Court and the district shall work collaboratively towards the goal of addressing and eliminating truancy; with appropriate communication and respect between the parties and whose actions are governed by RCW 28A.225.

Contact Information:

If you have questions or comments regarding this item, please contact Laura Marcoe, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Support Services at marcoelk@puyallupsd.org or (253) 841-8762 or Amie Day, Director of Accounting & Finance at dayak@puyallupsd.org or (253) 435-6777.

[Interlocal Agreement - Pierce County Juvenile Court 9.18.23.pdf \(72 KB\)](#)

Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, Robert's Rules, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Board by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda have gone through Board subcommittee review and recommendation. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Board members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any board member.

Motion & Voting

Approve the consent agenda, as presented.

Motion by Maddie D Names, second by David B Berg.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: David B Berg, Turan Kayaoglu, Maddie D Names, Joseph Romero