




RESOLUTION 2019-19
Relating to the Designation of the District's Public Safety Office
as a Law Enforcement Agency

WHEREAS:

1. Eugene School District 4J has a Public Safety Office that supports the safety and security of students and schools;
2. Oregon law requires districts to conduct criminal background checks and/or fingerprinting on volunteers, contractors and non-licensed staff who will have direct, unsupervised contact with students;
3. Oregon State Police (OSP) maintains a comprehensive criminal offender information system known as the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS), and OSP is able to provide LEDS access to a law enforcement agency pursuant to an interagency agreement;
4. Oregon law provides that district school boards may establish a law enforcement agency and employ persons, including sworn peace officers, necessary to protect the safety of district students and staff, and the security of district property;
5. It is most efficient and cost-effective for the district to conduct criminal background checks using the criminal offender information system established by the Oregon State Police; and
6. Designating the district's Public Safety Office as a law enforcement agency will support student and staff safety by enabling the district to have better and faster access to information.

SO BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. As allowed by ORS 332.531, the board hereby designates the district's Public Safety Office as a law enforcement agency, solely for the purpose of improving information access, to protect the safety of school district staff and students on district premises and the security of district property.
2. The Superintendent shall take all necessary steps to permit the sworn and non-sworn employees of the district's Public Safety Office to have access to the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) and to use such information for the safety and security of students and staff as permitted by law and board policy, including the completion of legally mandated criminal history records checks for employees, contractors and volunteers.
3. The Superintendent will develop administrative regulations to carry out this resolution and meet the requirements of applicable laws.

Signed: 
Alicia Hays, School Board Chair

Date: 6/19/19