

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AGREEMENT FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**

MSAD#61

August 2025 to June 2026 (175 days)

**AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS AND MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #61**

This Contract, effective **September 2025**, is made by and between MSAD#61, a school district in the State of Maine located within the boundaries of Cumberland County, Maine (hereinafter referred to as the "SCHOOL"), the County of Cumberland (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY"), and Kevin J. Joyce, as Sheriff of Cumberland County, a Constitutional Officer of the State of Maine (hereinafter referred to as "SHERIFF") to provide enhanced law enforcement services within the school limits of Naples Cumberland County, Maine.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the SCHOOL is desirous of maintaining a high level of professional law enforcement services in conjunction and harmony with its fiscal policies of sound, financial management; and

WHEREAS, the SCHOOL also desires that the law enforcement services be performed such that the citizens of the SCHOOL retain the sense of community they enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the SHERIFF has agreed to provide the SCHOOL a high level of professional law enforcement services and the SCHOOL is desirous of contracting for such services upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the SCHOOL is desirous of obtaining its law enforcement services through a contractual relationship with the COUNTY.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sums hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, **IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

1.1 For the purposes of this Contract, the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereinafter set forth:

A. Deputy Sheriff shall mean an individual who is appointed by the SHERIFF in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A §381, and who has executed any necessary oath which is required by law to serve in the position of a certified law enforcement deputy sheriff and perform the duties and responsibilities as set forth in Article 2 of this Contract.

B. Marked Unit shall mean one staffed, marked patrol car and all standard equipment as defined by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office General Orders.

C. Service shall mean comprehensive law enforcement services provided for eight (8) hours, five (5) days a week.

D. Substation shall mean a subsidiary or branch station of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

ARTICLE 2 – LEVELS OF SERVICE

2.1 Law Enforcement Patrol Services

A. The SHERIFF shall provide to the SCHOOL, for the term hereinafter set forth, as the same may be extended in accordance with the provisions hereof, professional law enforcement services within and throughout the SCHOOL to the extent and in the manner herein described.

B. The SHERIFF shall assign personnel to provide the level of professional law enforcement services consistent with the Contract set forth herein, or as such service has been supplemented and enhanced as a result of this Contract and any amendments and supplements thereto.

1. The SHERIFF shall provide to the SCHOOL the equivalent of one (1) full time deputy sheriff, who is a certified law enforcement officer, by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

2. No shifts will be back-filled.

C. Law enforcement services shall encompass all those duties and functions of the type coming with the jurisdiction of, and customarily provided by, municipal police departments.

D. While contracted to provide law enforcement services, deputy sheriff will enforce SCHOOL Code of Conduct that are applicable within the SCHOOL, and Statutes of the State of Maine. Performance of all duties of deputy sheriff shall be in accordance with Cumberland County Sheriff's Office General Orders.

E. When necessary, the SHERIFF shall additionally provide to the SCHOOL, at no additional cost to the SCHOOL, the following expertise and services:

- a. Traffic Crash Investigations/Reconstruction;
- b. Crime Scene Services (Crime Scene Investigators/Investigations, Forensics Investigations, and Collection of Evidence);
- c. Prisoner and Jail Services;
- d. Records Retention;
- e. Patrol and Detection Canine Support;
- f. Emergency Services Unit (ESU);
- g. Law Enforcement Training Section;
- h. Task Force Personnel;
- i. Crime Prevention;

- j. Volunteers in Police Service Activities;
- k. Criminal Investigations (General Crimes, Property Crimes, Major Crime, and Special Victim Crimes);
- l. Dive Team;
- m. Administrative Investigations (Internal Affairs) for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office;
- n. Any other such units or services as the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office may provide normally.

Safe School Environment:

- Work collaboratively with the Lake Region High School and Vocational Center administration to investigate incidences of school violence, bullying/harassment, drugs/alcohol violations, bomb threats, theft, and vandalism.
- Coordinate canine searches.
- Monitor the parking lot during school arrival and dismissal.
- Assist the administrators in supporting school parking rules.
- Maintain a presence in the hallways during crowded times.
- Assist with the supervision in the cafeteria during lunches when available.
- Assist in criminal situations (bomb threats, fights, drug possession) at the Lake Region Middle School, Songo Locks Elementary, and Stevens Brook Elementary. The following protocol will be followed:
 - The principal will first call their local law enforcement agency if not the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.
 - The next call will be to the LRHS principal and the SRO.
 - If the LRHS principal determines that the SRO is available, the SRO will coordinate services with the law enforcement agency that was contacted.
- Maintain reports of school incidences of violence, bullying/harassment, drugs/alcohol violations, bomb threats, and theft, and vandalism.
- Visit the other schools in MSAD #61 at least once a month. Establish a collection with the principals at those campuses and communicate guidelines and the services available.

Tuancy Prevention:

- Pick up students who are leaving school grounds without permission and bring them back to school.
- Support the attendance coordinator with the habitually truant students by making occasional home visits.

Education and Community Relations:

- Build positive relationships with the students at LRHS/LRVC.
- Visit classrooms and make presentations.
- Visit other MSAD #61 schools and respond to requests when feasible.

F. All deputies assigned to the SCHOOL shall remain within the SCHOOL during regular assigned shifts.

G. In the event of an emergency response call and/or an exigent circumstance arises; deputies assigned to the SCHOOL will perform services in a similar way that police departments assist under the Mutual Aid Agreement.

H. Vehicles, Supplies, Equipment and Office Furniture:

1. The COUNTY shall provide marked patrol units. Each marked patrol unit shall prominently display on the exterior the indicia of both the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. The SCHOOL agrees that all requests made by the deputies to the SCHOOL pertaining to equipment, schooling, work schedule, etc. will be referred to the administrators of the SHERIFF's Office for approval.

2. The SHERIFF agrees to maintain the marked patrol unit per the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule.

3. The COUNTY shall provide the SCHOOL, no later than **February 1st** of the year, a contract cost proposal for the 12-month period beginning **August 1st** of the year.

4. The SCHOOL shall provide necessary office space, supplies and office furniture for use by contract deputy to fulfill assignments.

5. Any supplies and office furniture furnished or purchased by the SCHOOL shall remain the property of the SCHOOL.

6. Any supplies and office furniture furnished or purchased by COUNTY shall remain the property of COUNTY.

I. If the SCHOOL establishes a Police Department in the future, the COUNTY will transfer any equipment and supplies mutually agreed upon by both parties to the SCHOOL.

2.2 Administrative Responsibilities.

A. The one (1) deputy sheriff will perform all duties and responsibilities consistent with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office General Orders, and this Contract under the direction of the SHERIFF.

B. The Chief Deputy or his designee will notify the School Administrator in a timely manner of any major/significant crimes or incidents, unusual occurrences, or emergencies that occur within the SCHOOL.

C. The Chief Deputy and/or his/he designee shall attend SCHOOL Meetings as requested by the SCHOOL and community meetings with the SCHOOL staff which involves issues of mutual concern. Additionally, when requested by the SCHOOL Administrator, the Chief Deputy and/or his/her designee shall provide advice or consent on law enforcement issues and attend other meetings.

D. The SHERIFF shall consult with the SCHOOL a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to permanent assignment of any deputy to the SCHOOL or permanent reassignment of any deputy

out of the SCHOOL. "Permanent" shall be considered any period of time exceeding sixty (60) calendar days,

E. As requested by the SCHOOL or the SCHOOL Administrator, the Chief Deputy or his designee shall attend School Board Meetings, community meetings, and meetings with the SCHOOL staff which involve issues of mutual concern, as well as provide advice or consent on law enforcement issues.

F. The SHERIFF shall make all decisions regarding hiring and firing of the deputies, provided that the SHERIFF replaces the deputy with an individual meeting the qualifications specified in this Contract. Provided further, the SHERIFF shall not terminate the deputy's employment before making provision for replacement of that deputy. Until the position is permanently filled, the Sheriff will cover the position on a day-to-day basis with a deputy.

G. When appropriate, the SHERIFF shall provide the SCHOOL with written responses to citizen inquiries and complaints directed towards the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. Such responses shall be under the Sheriff's signature and provided within sixty (60) days of filing.

2.3 Processing of Evidence.

A. Evidence shall be processed in accordance with Cumberland County Sheriff's Office General Orders.

ARTICLE 3 – OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Employment: Right of Control.

A. The SHERIFF shall have and maintain the responsibility for and control of the delivery of services, the standards of performance, the discipline of personnel, and other matters incident to the performance of services, duties, and responsibilities as described and contemplated herein.

3.2 Assignment of Law Enforcement.

A. The SCHOOL does hereby vest in each deputy sheriff, to the extent allowed by law, enforcement powers of the SCHOOL which are necessary to implement and carry forth the services, duties, and responsibilities imposed upon the SHERIFF hereby, for the sole and limited purpose of giving official and lawful status and validity to the performance thereof by such deputy sheriff. Every sworn deputy of the COUNTY so empowered hereby and engaged in the performance of the services, duties, and responsibilities described and contemplated herein shall be deemed to be sworn officers of SCHOOL while performing such services, duties, and responsibilities, which constitute municipal functions and are within the scope of this Contract. The SHERIFF shall have and maintain the responsibility for and control of the delivery of services, the standards of performance, the discipline of personnel, and other matters incident to the performance of services, duties, and responsibilities as described and contemplated herein.

3.3 Sheriff's General Orders.

A. The SHERIFF shall provide to the SCHOOL a copy of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office General Orders, including any updates and amendments regarding policies of interest to the town.

ARTICLE 4 – SAD#61 RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Office Space.

A. Future space planning shall be coordinated with the SHERIFF and the SCHOOL.

4.2 Town's Ordinances.

A. The SCHOOL shall provide to the SHERIFF two (2) copies of the SCHOOL Code of Conduct of law enforcement interest as adopted, with revisions, as enacted.

ARTICLE 5 – COSTS

5.1 The total amount due for all law enforcement services for subsequent years shall be based upon a proposal submitted by the Sheriff during the SCHOOL's budget process to be approved by the School Board. The total amount due for all services beginning **September 2025 for 175 days shall be one-hundred five thousand, six hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifteen cents (\$105,629.15)** spread over a 9-month period for costs incurred by the COUNTY as described in Attachment A of this Contract.

5.2 The SCHOOL shall make payment in equal installments on a monthly basis. The first installment shall be due **September 1, 2025**; the remaining installments shall be due the first day of each succeeding month until the contract is paid in full.

5.3 The SHERIFF agrees that the deputy or deputies providing the services to the SCHOOL shall be employee(s) of the COUNTY and not those of the SCHOOL, and that the COUNTY shall be responsible for the payment of any compensation or indemnity to any such employee(s) because of injury or sickness arising out of his or her employment.

5.4 The consideration recited herein constitutes the entire consideration to be paid herein under and upon the payment thereof, in the manner and at the times prescribed herein.

ARTICLE 6 – ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

6.1 If, by judgment of the SHERIFF, additional temporary law enforcement personnel are available during the term of this Contract, the SHERIFF agrees to provide the SCHOOL with such additional personnel as the SCHOOL may request, provided that the SCHOOL furnishes the SHERIFF, within a reasonable time in advance of employment, with a written statement of the required term of service for said additional personnel and agrees, in writing, to pay a cost computed at a rate consistent with that of Article 5 hereof.

ARTICLE 7 – REPRESENTATION OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

7.1 The COUNTY hereby represents and acknowledges that those services described in Article 2 of this Contract would not be provided through any appropriation of the annual budget of the COUNTY in the event this Contract did not exist.

ARTICLE 8 – AUDIT OF RECORDS

8.1 The SCHOOL Administrator or his designee may, upon reasonable notice to the SHERIFF, examine the existing SHERIFF records relating to the services provided pursuant to the terms of this Contract. Said records shall be maintained by the SHERIFF in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 9 - STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

9.1 The SCHOOL and the SHERIFF shall attempt to mutually resolve all issues pertaining to the nature of the services and conduct of deputies performed under this Contract; provided, however, that the SHERIFF shall make the final determination on said issues in the SHERIFF'S exclusive discretion. The SHERIFF agrees to receive and consider, in good faith, all inquiries and requests made by the SCHOOL. All decisions pertaining to employment discipline and discharge of personnel, performance of duties and other personnel matters shall remain exclusively with the SHERIFF.

ARTICLE 10 – ARBITRATION

10.1 In the event of a dispute between parties arising out of, or relating to the parties' rights and obligations under this Contract, it is mandatory that such disputes be submitted to arbitration for resolution. A request for arbitration shall be conclusively evidenced by the delivery of a written demand for arbitration to the opposing party. This demand for arbitration shall be delivered within a reasonable time after the claim, dispute, or other matter in question has arisen, and in no event shall it be made when commencement of legal or equitable proceedings based on such claims, disputes, or other matters in question would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations. A written demand for arbitration shall also set forth the name of the complaining party's representative to the arbitration panel, as defined below. A certified mail receipt shall be evidence of delivery of the demand for arbitration.

10.2 The arbitration panel shall consist of the following members: a representative of the SCHOOL appointed by the board, a representative of the COUNTY appointed by the County Commissioners, and a third member to be selected by the two representatives selected by the respective parties. If the representatives of the parties cannot agree on a third member within ten days of the appointment of the last of them, either one may request the American Arbitration Association to appoint said third member and the selection of the American Arbitration Association shall be binding on both parties.

10.3 Once the party has delivered to the other party a written demand for arbitration, the other party must appoint its representative within ten days of delivery of said demand for arbitration and must give notice of its decision to the other party within same period of time.

10.4 The claim, dispute, or other matter shall be submitted to the full arbitration panel after appointment of the third member. The arbitration shall be conducted pursuant to the Expedited Procedures of the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The panel shall render its decision within thirty (30) days from the close of the hearing.

10.6 All costs of the arbitration shall be borne equally by both parties.

10.7 The decision of the arbitrators shall be final and binding on both parties.

10.8 Disputes arising under the Indemnification Article 11 are excluded from this Arbitration provision.

ARTICLE 11 - INDEMNITY

11.1 The COUNTY agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the SCHOOL from any and all liability, loss, or damage that the SCHOOL may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs, or judgments against it arising out of the SHERIFF's performance or failure to perform any of the obligations set forth in this Contract. The COUNTY further agrees to defend any claims brought or actions filed against the SCHOOL with respect to the SHERIFF's performance or non-performance of this Contract, whether such claims or actions are rightfully or wrongfully brought or filed.

11.2 The SCHOOL agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY and SHERIFF from any and all liability, loss or damage that the COUNTY and SHERIFF may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs, or judgments against it arising out of the SCHOOL's performance or failure to perform any of the obligations set forth in this Contract. The SCHOOL further agrees to defend any claims brought or actions filed against the COUNTY and SHERIFF with respect to the SCHOOL's performance or non-performance of this Contract, whether such claims or actions are rightfully or wrongfully brought or filed.

11.3 Neither the SCHOOL, COUNTY, nor SHERIFF waive any defenses the parties may have under the Maine Tort Claims Act.

ARTICLE 12 – TERM

12.1 This Contract shall remain in full force and effect commencing on the date specified by MSAD#61 for a period of 175 days, unless the Contract is otherwise extended or terminated in accordance with the terms thereof.

12.2 The terms and conditions of this Contract are contingent upon the approval of the elected Sheriff and the Chairman of the Cumberland County Commissioners.

12.3 In the absence of a notice of termination in accordance with Article 13, this Contract shall automatically renew annually subject to the budget proposal by the SHERIFF and subsequent approval by the SCHOOL.

ARTICLE 13 – TERMINATION

13.1 The SCHOOL or the COUNTY may terminate this Contract with or without cause upon written notice to the other party of this Contract; provided, however, that notice of such termination shall not be effective until after receipt of a ninety day (90) written notice. This written notice must be hand delivered and/or sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the SHERIFF or the SCHOOL Administrator.

ARTICLE 14 - EXTENSION

14.1 Unless terminated by written notice, as agreed above, rights and privileges herein granted, together with all other provisions of this Contract, shall continue in full force and effect, subject to necessary negotiation of any added cost factors, for an additional period of thirty (30) days from the date of expiration heretofore mentioned, unless either party, at least ten (10) days prior to said date of expiration, shall notify the other party in writing that it does not desire the Contract to be extended for such an additional period.

ARTICLE 15 – TRANSITION

15.1 In the event of the termination or expiration of this Contract, the SHERIFF and the SCHOOL shall cooperate in good faith in order to effectuate a smooth and harmonious transition from the Sheriff's Office to another law enforcement agency, and to maintain during such period of transition the same high quality of law enforcement services otherwise afforded to the residents of the SCHOOL pursuant to the terms hereof.

15.2 In the event of termination or upon expiration of this Contract, the SCHOOL shall have the option to purchase from the COUNTY and SHERIFF any equipment, fixtures, and furnishings furnished by the COUNTY and SHERIFF to perform the services provided under this Contract. The purchase price shall be determined by mutual Contract of the parties as to the fair-market value of such equipment, fixtures, and furnishings.

ARTICLE 16 – AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AND ENFORCE

16.1 The Chairperson of the Cumberland County Commissioners, by his/her execution hereof, does hereby represent to the SCHOOL that he/she has full power and authority to make and execute this Contract pursuant to the power so vested in him/her under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine.

16.2 The SHERIFF, by his/her execution hereof, does hereby represent to the SCHOOL that he/she only has administrative powers to enforce this Contract pursuant to the power so vested in him/her under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine.

16.3 The Chairperson of the SCHOOL BOARD, by his/her execution hereof, does represent to the Sheriff and Chairman of the Cumberland County Commissioners that he/she has full power and authority to make and execute this Contract on behalf of the SCHOOL.

16.4 Nothing herein contained is any way contrary to or in contravention of the SCHOOL or the laws of the State of Maine.

ARTICLE 17 – COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 All communications related to Law Enforcement issues will first be routed through the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

ARTICLE 18 – ENTIRE AGREEMENT

18.1 The parties acknowledge, one to the other, that the terms hereof constitute the entire understanding and Contract of the parties with respect hereof. No modification hereof shall be effective unless in writing, executed with the same formalities as this Contract is executed.

ARTICLE 19-VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Vehicle Not Applicable to this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the SCHOOL of MSAD#61, by order duly adopted by its SCHOOL Board has caused this Contract to be signed by the SCHOOL Board and the County of Cumberland, by order of the County Commissioners, has caused this Contract to be subscribed by the Chairperson of said Board or Council and the seal of said Board or Council to be affixed thereto and attested by the Clerk of said Board or Council, all on the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

IN THE PRESENCE OF: COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

BY: _____
CHAIRPERSON
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: _____

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

IN THE PRESENCE OF: COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

BY: _____
SHERIFF
KEVIN J. JOYCE

DATE: 6/12/25

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

IN THE PRESENCE OF: SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

BY: Alan R. Ratto

DATE: 6/12/25

ATTEST: _____
COUNTY MANAGER/CLERK

DATE: _____