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CHIEF OF POLICE

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To whom it may concern, the following is in response to your public records request.

*I request the following public records, as defined in G. L. c. 4, § 7 (twenty-sixth):*

1. *An extract of your records management system or database that includes each school-related arrest and each referral to law enforcement conducted during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 school year (up until the day the records are produced). Specifically, we request an extract of the database to include the following columns:*

Based on limitations with our outdated records management system I am unable to generate an extract from the database that will answer these questions. Based on public records exemptions I am unable to provide certain information that you have requested. I have responded to all the questions that I have available information for and that I believe fall within the public record requirements.

- a. *Date of arrest or referral to law enforcement*

During the 2018-2019 School year officers responded to 15 calls for service that may be considered a referral to law enforcement. 2 juveniles were charged with crimes. During the 2019-2020 school year officers responded to 31 calls for service that may be considered a referral to law enforcement. 8 juveniles were charged with crimes. During the 2020-2021 school year officers responded to 7 calls for service that may be considered a referral to law enforcement. 0 juveniles were charged with crimes. During the 2021-2022 school year officers responded to 8 calls for service that may be considered a referral to law enforcement. 1 juvenile was charged with a crime. During the 2022-2023 school year officers responded to 40 calls for service that may be considered a referral to law enforcement. 6 juveniles were charged with a crime.

- b. *Time of arrest or referral to law enforcement*

Not available

- c. *Charge (or charges)*

7 drug offenses, 5 fights, 2 vandalism, 1 larceny, 1 threat, 1 sexual offense and 1 dangerous weapon

- d. *Whether the individual(s) was arrested or referred to law enforcement*

Any individual charged with a crime was charged through the summons process.

There were no physical arrests of any juveniles from the schools.

- e. *Sex of individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*  
13 males, 3 females
- f. *Age of individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*  
16, 15, 13, 15, 17, 16, 17, 17, 16, 16, 17, 15, 15, 17, 16, 15
- g. *Race of individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*  
Arrests consisted of 10 white males, 2 black males (one twice), and 3 white females.
- h. *Ethnicity of individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*  
Not recorded
- i. *Disability status of the individual(s) arrested or referred to law enforcement*  
Not recorded
- j. *Whether the individual arrested or referred to law enforcement is a student at the school.*  
All were students.
- k. *Name of arresting officer, if applicable, and*  
All arrests were handled by SRO Leonard Gosselin (3), SRO Douglas Houston (17),  
SRO Sandell (B21), or SRO Dulchinos (B22).
- l. *Badge number of the arresting officer or the officer that referred the youth to law enforcement, as applicable.*

- 2. *If such an extract of the database in question 1 is not possible, please provide school incident reports on each school-related arrest and referral to law enforcement conducted during the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021 2022 and 2022-2023 school year (up until the day the records are produced).*

Reports pertaining to Juveniles are exempt from the public record.

Should you require any additional information please contact me at [sdaigle@bellinghamma.org](mailto:sdaigle@bellinghamma.org)

Respectfully submitted,



Lieutenant Stephen Daigle