INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF LINCOLN-WAY HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES (FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT)

THIS AGREEMENT is between the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LINCOLN- WAY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 210, Will County, Illinois ("School District") and the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT, Will County, Illinois ("Park District"), in the exercise of their intergovernmental cooperation powers under the Illinois Constitution and the Illinois Governmental Cooperation Act and of their respective authorities under School Code and Park District Code, respectfully. Both parties have approved this Agreement and adopted it in the manner required by law.

WHEREAS, the Park District seeks the use of certain School District facilities for the educational, recreational and social purposes for the residents of the Park District and the Lincoln-Way High School community;

WHEREAS, the School District has determined that said facilities will not be needed by the School District for school purposes at the times the facilities are to be made available to the Park District under this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the parties deem it to be in their respective best interests, and in the best interests of the youth and residents of the School District and of the Park District, to enter into an agreement concerning the use and maintenance of said school facilities;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10 of the 1970 State of Illinois Constitution authorizes units of local government, such as the School District and the Park District, to contract or otherwise associate among themselves in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Park District assesses no charges or minimal charges determined to equal supervisory costs of scheduled activities. Annually, any minimal surplus reflected in charges is offset by Park District maintenance costs related to turf management, campus landscape, or invested in improvements that benefit School District and Park District residents:

WHEREAS, the Park District schedules school usage based on Attachment A, Indoor Facility Usage Policy and athletic field usage per Attachment B, ensuring maximum access to School District facilities, based on maximum School District residency.

WHEREAS, the program opportunities enabled through School District and Park District cooperation provides access and programming to residents who may have otherwise had no usage or limited usage, of the opportunities available at the Lincoln-Way North campus.

WHEREAS, the Park District seeks the use of certain School District facilities for the educational, recreational and social purposes for the residents of the Park District and the Lincoln-Way High School community.

WHEREAS, the Park District has enabled the maximum use of certain School District facilities to the benefit of Park District and School District residents for specific programming, i.e. "Frankfort Square Park District Activities at North," Superdog Obedience Training School, Aquatic Center for pool parties and open swims, Walker and Lap Swim Program, Fine and Performing Arts Center practices and performances, Meeting Rooms special events and community meetings, Park District and community athletic practices and games, as described and included as Attachments A and B furthering the mission of both the Park District and School District;

WHEREAS, the Park District provides year-round no fee or low fee usage of the fitness center, weight room, and Field House for the emotional and physical well being of School District and Park District residents;

WHEREAS, Superdog Obedience Training School improves the quality of life of resident pet owners, offering a unique opportunity for year-round enjoyment with documented physical, social and health benefits in high demand and appreciated by participants;

WHEREAS, access to the Aquatic Center and School District and Park District free or low fee programming improves the social, health, and wellness of residents, and providing family open swim activities, pool party rentals, and imparting valued swim lessons and life safety to non-swimmers;

WHEREAS, the free Walker Program and open lanes for lap swimming provides access to School District facilities promoting the social, health, and wellness of our community. Both aquatic and walker opportunities provide rehabilitation for a variety of cardiac and other health issues, highly valued by medical care providers;

WHEREAS, the Fine and Performing Arts Center provides unique opportunities to the arts, not normally available to a community of our size. Additionally, this facility offers a valued performance venue for Park District and School District programs, graduations, and performances;

WHEREAS, the School District meeting rooms provide a gathering space for social, educational, informative, and interactive community venues for the needs of School District and Park District;

WHEREAS, the availability of outdoor athletic fields and indoor training and competition areas provides exceptional opportunities to promote health and wellness, and furthers the mission of both the School District and Park District;

WHEREAS, the School District mission, "The Lincoln-Way Community High Schools are committed to providing the experiences and opportunities necessary to maximize the academic and social growth of all students," and the Park District mission, "It is the mission of the Frankfort Square Park District to provide accessible, non-discriminatory, recreational services, facilities, and open space in an environmentally conscious, fiscally responsible manner," are best fulfilled by the valued cooperation summarized within this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the School District has determined that said facilities will not be needed by the School District for school purposes at the times the facilities are to be made available to the Park District under this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the parties deem it to be in their respective best interests, and in the best interests of the youth and residents of the School District and of the Park District to enter into an agreement concerning the use and maintenance of said school facilities;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10, of the 1970 State of Illinois Constitution authorizes units of local government, such as the School District and the Park District to contract or otherwise associate among themselves in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/3) provides that any powers, privileges or authority exercised or which may be exercised by a unit of local government may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other unit of local government where not prohibited by law;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 22 0/5) further provides that any one or more units of local government may contract to perform any governmental service, activity or undertaking which any unit of local government entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform, provided that such contract shall be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract;

WHEREAS, the School District has been granted the control and supervision of school grounds and the authority under Section 10-22.10 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-22.10) to grant the use of school grounds, under such provisions and control as they may see fit to impose and for the conducting of recreational, social and civic activities in the school building or on the school grounds or both; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined that it is in their respective best interests to enter into this Agreement to secure to each the benefits of enhanced recreational facilities for the residents of the Park District and the students of the School District;

WHEREAS, cooperative efforts mutually benefitting both organizations are ongoing, ever expanding the length of the agreement, reflecting the continuing commitment to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration for the foregoing recitals, and the mutual covenants and promises contained below, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

SECTION ONE: SCHEDULING FACILITIES USES

1.1 Subject to the conditions set forth herein, the School District shall make available for use by the Park District during times when there are no conflicting school-sponsored

activities those portions of Lincoln-Way North High School, including the following: Field House (hereinafter referred to as "Field House"), Pool (hereinafter referred to as "Pool"), Baseball and Softball Fields (hereinafter referred to as "Fields"). The Field House, Pool, Baseball Fields, and Softball Fields shall sometimes hereinafter be referred to as the "Facilities".

- 1.2 The Superintendent of the School District or the Superintendent's designee and the Director of the Park District or the Director's designee shall jointly establish schedules of the areas, days, and hours of use of each of the Facilities and of the activities to be conducted at the Facilities by the Park District in a manner and to an extent consistent with this Agreement. This shall be done through planning on an annual basis to facilitate the public recreational programs of the Park District. The Superintendent and the Director or their designees shall meet and confer as necessary to establish and adjust such schedules. Unless otherwise designated by the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee under this Section for the Pools schedule is the School District Aquatics Director.
- 1.3 School District activities shall have priority over Park District activities in both the scheduling of use of the Facilities and in the actual use where circumstances unforeseen at the time of scheduling require School District use of the Facilities.
- 1.4 Park District activities shall have priority over other activities not sponsored by the School District except for the activities of the other park districts (or school districts) which have entered into similar agreements with the School District for use of any of the Facilities. Among the Park District and such other districts, priority in scheduling may be given based upon [size of program, availability of other facilities, and time of request].

- 1.5 The School District shall notify the Park District immediately upon first learning of circumstances which require scheduling changes and shall take reasonable steps to avoid conflicts, and shall attempt to provide alternative times or locations where necessary.
- 1 .6 The Park District shall immediately notify the School District of cancellations or the need to modify schedules of Park District activities in any of the Facilities.

SECTION TWO: PARK DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Park District shall:

- 2.1 Cooperate in the scheduling of Park District activities in the Facilities with the School District and other districts seeking use of the Facilities.
- 2.2 Have an adult Park District representative in attendance for security and supervision whenever any portion of any of the Facilities is used to conduct Park District activities.
- 2.3 Not use or permit use of any Facilities for purposes inconsistent with this Agreement or that would foreseeably cause unreasonable damage to the Facilities, excluding normal wear and tear.
- 2.4 Make timely repairs at its expense of any damage to the Facilities arising from the Park

 District's use of the Facilities, excluding normal wear and tear. If the repairs are not made

 within forty-five (45) days after the School District notifies the Park District of the need

 for repairs, the School District shall provide the Park District written notice of the repairs

 needed to be made and allow the Park District an additional ten (10) business days to

 make the repairs. If the repairs are not made within ten (10) days after the Park District

- receives written notice of the need for repairs, the School District may have the repairs made and bill the Park District for the cost.
- 2.5 Maintain and repair any equipment it stores or uses in the Facilities at its expense and abide by any reasonable conditions set by the Superintendent for the storage of such equipment.
- 2.6 After each use of the Facilities, remove or store Park District portable equipment, restore the area used to its condition prior to usage, lock the building, turn off lights, and otherwise secure the building upon departure.
- 2.7 Not use or permit use of any School District portable equipment except with the prior approval of the Superintendent and, in the event any such equipment is lost, stolen, or damaged as a result of Park District use, replace it or reimburse the School District for the cost of replacement.
- 2.8 Pay to the School District a charge for School District custodial services, which would not otherwise be incurred, but for the Park District use. The School District shall promptly notify the Park District of the actual costs of custodial services and the Park District of the actual costs of custodial services and the Park District shall reimburse the School District such costs within thirty (30) days after such notification or within thirty (30) days after the services were rendered, whichever is later. The Park District may not employ or contract for alternative custodial services without the prior approval of the Superintendent.
- 2.9 For use of the Pool only, pay to the School District an hourly fee for usage. That fee shall be Fifty Five Dollars (\$55.00) per hour unless adjusted by the School District upon

- fourteen (14) days written notice to the Park District. This fee shall be in addition to any other payments due under this Agreement.
- 2.10 Comply with applicable federal, state and local laws relating to its use of School District facilities.
- 2.11 Charge to School Districts residents participating in any Park District programs using any of the Facilities no fee or other charges exceeding that charged to the Park District's own residents, regardless of the park district of residence of term School District resident, but otherwise subject to the same conditions for participation as Park District residents.
- 2.12 Provide maintenance and upkeep of lawns, fields, and grasses west of the school parking lot.

SECTION THREE: SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

The School District shall:

- 3.1 Not use or permit use of any Park District portable equipment stored in the Field Houses or elsewhere in Lincoln-Way North High School except with the prior approval of the Park District Director and, in the event any such equipment is lost, stolen, or damaged as a result of School District use, replace it or reimburse the Park District for the cost of replacement.
- 3.2 At the termination of this Agreement by expiration or otherwise, permit the Park District to remove from the Field House or the Pool or elsewhere in Lincoln-Way North High School any Park District equipment which the Superintendent has allowed to be stored there.

SECTION FOUR: INDEMNIFICATION

- 4.1 The Park District shall indemnify and hold harmless the School District, members of the Board of Education, its officers, employees and agents for any costs, claims, actions or causes of actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which may arise from the Park District's use of the Field House or of the Pool or from the Park District's obligations under this Agreement.
- 4.2 The School District shall indemnify and hold harmless the Park District, members of its
 Board of Commissioners, its officers, employees and agents for any costs, claims, actions
 or causes of actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which may arise from the
 School District's use of Park District equipment or from the School District's obligations
 under this Agreement.

SECTION FIVE: INSURANCE

5.1 The Park District shall procure and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, policies of insurance in amounts to be agreed upon by the School District and the Park District as hereinafter provided, including, but not limited to, comprehensive, personal injury, property damage, workers' compensation, automobile liability and, if applicable, professional liability or errors and omissions coverage. The obligations of this paragraph may be satisfied by the Park District's membership in a self-insurance pool, a self-insurance plan or by policies of insurance written by a responsible insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Illinois.

- 5.1 The policies of insurance obtained and maintained by the Park District shall name the School District, the Board of Education, its members, officers, employees and agents, as additional insureds.
- 5.2 All insurance policies procured herein or certificates evidencing the existence thereof shall be delivered by the Park District to the School District within thirty (30) days of the Park District's execution of this "Agreement. Said policies shall contain a provision that at least thirty (30) days prior to the termination, nonrenewal or modification thereof; each party shall receive written notice of the termination, nonrenewal or modification.
- 5.3 The parties shall meet and confer each year on or about the anniversary date of this

 Agreement to determine the amount of insurance the Park District shall carry. Should the
 parties not reach agreement as to the proper amount of insurance within thirty (30) days
 of anniversary date each year, this Agreement shall terminate.

SECTION SIX: TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 6.1 The term of this Agreement shall be for a period commencing on September 1, 2012 and continue thereafter until June 30, 2037, unless terminated prior to that date, as provided in this Agreement. However, the term of this Agreement will be extended for a one-year period each year after the initial period unless either party notifies the other by January 1 of the year of termination of its desire not to extend the Agreement.
- 6.2 Each party reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time and for any reason upon one three hundred sixty-five (365) days advance written notice to the other party.
- 6.3 Termination of this Agreement shall not alleviate any responsibility to pay or make repairs occurring during the effectiveness of the Agreement.

At the expiration of this Agreement, whether by lapse of time or otherwise, the Park

District shall leave the Facilities in substantially the same condition, wear and tear

attributable to Park District use excepted, as in existence at the time of the execution of
this Agreement. To the extent the Park District does not meet this obligation, the School

District may seek reimbursement for expenses incurred for any work necessary to restore
the Facilities to substantially the same condition as in the existence at the time of the
execution of this Agreement.

SECTION SEVEN: EFFECTIVE DATE

7.1 This Agreement shall commence in full force and effect upon approval by both of the parties hereto in the manner provided by law and upon proper execution hereof or the commencement date of this Agreement stated in paragraph 6.1, whichever is later.

SECTION EIGHT: BINDING EFFECT

- 8.1 This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties as if they too were parties to this Agreement.
- 8.2 Neither party shall have the right, however, to assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

SECTION NINE: SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

9.1 The invalidity of any provision of this Agreement shall not render invalid any other provision herein. If for any reason any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, that provision shall be

- deemed severed and this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with that provision severed or modified by court order.
- 9.2 The failure of any party to this Agreement to insist upon the strict and prompt performance of the terms, covenants, agreements and conditions herein contained, or any of them, upon any other party imposed, shall not constitute, or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any party's right thereafter to enforce any such term, covenant, agreement or condition, but the same shall continue in full force and effect.
- 9.3 The Waiver by either party of a breach of any term, covenant or condition herein shall not be deemed a waiver of such term, covenant or condition on any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant or condition herein.

SECTION TEN: NOTICES

10.1 All notices required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be served personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, upon the other party's Superintendent or Director at the party's principal administrative offices. Notices which must be made regarding rescheduling under Section 1 should first be made by telephone.

SECTION ELEVEN: GOVERNING LAW

11.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

SECTION TWELVE: EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS

12.1 This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts or duplicate originals, each of which shall constitute and be deemed as one and the same document.

SECTION THIRTEEN: AMENDMENT

- 13.1 Except as is specified herein, this Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and shall supersede any prior written or oral agreements or understandings. This Agreement may only be altered, modified or amended upon the written consent and agreement of both parties hereto duly adopted as required by law.
- 13.2 This Section shall not be interpreted to preclude or limit, however, the amended or modification of regulations, procedures or policies established by the parties.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LINCOLN-WAY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 210, Will County, Illinois BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT, Will County, Illinois

Attest:

Secretary

Attest: Secretary

President

Date: 1/26/12

Date: 7/19/12

INDOOR FACILITY USAGE POLICY LINCOLN-WAY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES

CATEGORY 1 - REQUESTS

Lincoln-Way High School District 210 sponsored activity.

CATEGORY 2 – REQUESTS

Frankfort Square Park District sponsored programming.

CATEGORY 3 – REQUESTS

Frankfort Square community based athletic programs, which consist predominantly (at least 90% park residents). Examples include Frankfort Square Baseball League, Frankfort Square Wildcats Football League, various Frankfort Square scout troops and Summit Hill School District 161 athletic programs/special events.

CATEGORY 4 - REQUESTS

Lincoln-Way High School District 210 club teams/activities. Examples include Lincoln-Way Rugby and Hockey.

CATEGORY 5 - REQUESTS

Non-profit programs consisting of over 50% residents of the Frankfort Square Park District and/or Lincoln-Way High School District 210. Priority will be given to requests with the largest percentage of residents.

CATEGORY 6 - REQUESTS

For-profit programs consisting of over 50% residents of the Frankfort Square Park District and/or Lincoln-Way High School District 210. Priority will be given to requests with the largest percentage of residents.

CATEGORY 7 – REQUESTS

Non-profit programs consisting of 50% or less residents of the Frankfort Square Park District and/or Lincoln-Way High School District 210. Priority will be given to requests with the largest percentage of residents.

CATEGORY 8 - REQUESTS

For-profit programs consisting of 50% or less residents of the Frankfort Square Park District and/or Lincoln-Way High School District 210. Priority will be given to requests with the largest percentage of residents.

FEES

The following hourly rates and requirements apply to all requests from categories 3 - 8.

- The rate for indoor facility usage is \$1.00 per person per hour.
- > Organizations may deduct \$1.00 for each individual with a membership ID card. This must be noted on the usage request form, and individuals must present membership ID card when entering facility.
- ➤ If facilities are used on a continual basis, a group rate may be determined. The group rate will not exceed \$1.00 per person.
- Maximum number of participants per group is 15.
- A minimum of 1 adult supervisor per 15 participants is to be provided by the group renting the facility.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Field house courts, main gym, dance studio, mezzanine



FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT INDOOR FACILITY USAGE REQUEST FORM LINCOLN-WAY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES

Date:
Team/Organization Name:
Contact Name:
Contact Phone: (Home)(Cell)
Email:
Street Address:
City/State/Zip:
Requested Space/Room:
Start Time:
Ending Time:
The following must accompany this application: \$25 non-refundable deposit If we are unable to schedule your activity, we will refund the total deposit. Complete team roster (name, address, phone, elementary school district, current school attended, subdivision in which they reside) for all players Certificate of insurance naming FSPD and Lincoln-Way High School District 210 as additional insured Must provide compliance with criminal background check on head coach A list of requested dates, with each date designated as practice/game/meeting.
This application will not be accepted without ALL of the above required items.
I have read and completed the application form for facility usage, and have answered all questions to the be of my knowledge and ability. I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification of this application, no using approved facilities, or not following school rules will be grounds for a denial or immediate revocation of usage. The undersigned accepts full responsibility for the conduct of the group while on Lincoln-Way North High School property and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lincoln-Way High School District 210, the Frankfort Square Park District, its trustees, and employees from any responsibility for any accident injury, or damage that might occur as a result of the participants acts or omissions.
PRINTED NAME

FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT ATHLETIC FIELD USAGE AGREEMENT

This usage agreement covers both Frankfort Square Park District and Lincoln-Way North High School fields. Lincoln-Way North fields are only available to District 210 residents. Please see appropriate policy and request form for different locations.

FIELD SCHEDULING

Each organization must select one representative to be the contact for field distribution. This is the only individual allowed to schedule field time for their organization. All individuals who call the park district will be referred to their organization's representative.

Organizations that no longer need a scheduled field must contact the park district at least one week in advance of the scheduled date to cancel and not be charged the field usage fee.

FIELD EXPECTATIONS

All teams must clean-up the dugouts and area before leaving the field.

Park District staff generally drag the fields in the morning. Users must provide their own equipment to include, but not be limited to, bases and pitching rubber. Home plate is provided at each field.

The Frankfort Square Park District uses a lightning prediction system located at the Community Center, Union Creek, Summit Hill Junior High, Lincoln-Way North High School, Champions Park, and Square Links Golf Course. All teams are expected to abide by the system. Please see attachment for details.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

Consumption of alcohol is prohibited on all park and school property. Please inform parents and visiting teams of this important policy. Any organization whose participant, parent, or guest violates this policy will lose its field usage privileges.

Lincoln-Way High School facilities and grounds are a tobacco free environment. The use of any tobacco product is prohibited. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ATHLETIC FIELD USAGE POLICY LINCOLN-WAY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES

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CATEGORY 8 – REQUESTS FEE: TO BE DETERMINED

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FRANKFORT SQUARE PARK DISTRICT ATHLETIC FIELD USAGE REQUEST FORM LINCOLN-WAY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS

Date:
Team/Organization Name:
Contact Name:
Contact Phone: (Home) (Cell)
Email:
Street Address:
City/State/Zip:
Requested Field:
Field Parameters (required base, pitching distances, etc.):

Start Time:
Ending Time:
The following must accompany this application: Complete team roster (name, address, phone, elementary school district, current school attended, subdivision in which they reside) for all players Certificate of insurance naming FSPD and Lincoln-Way High School District 210 as additional insured Must provide compliance with criminal background check on head coach A copy of coach's current CPR/AED certification. A list of requested dates, with each date designated as practice or game. This application will not be accepted without ALL of the above required items.
I have read and completed the application form for athletic field usage, and have answered all questions to the best of my knowledge and ability. I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification of this application, not using approved fields, or not following park rules will be grounds for a denial or immediate revocation of field usage. The undersigned accepts full responsibility for the conduct of the group while on Lincoln-Way North High School property and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lincoln-Way High School District 210, the Frankfort Square Park District, its trustees, and employees from any responsibility for any accident, injury, or damage that might occur as a result of the participants acts or omissions.
PRINTED NAME
SIGNATURE







The ThorGuard system makes lightning predictions. This differs from lightning detection, which senses lightning strikes. ThorGuard predicts future lightning strikes by sensing the ionization in the air. When ionization increases to a level that supports lightning strikes, the alarm is sounded. Once the predictor senses conditions that favor lightning, there is often a flash of lightning in the area within 10 minutes.

Ionization of the air occurs even when there is no active storm. There have been reports of lightning traveling through the atmosphere for distances up to 20 miles before coming to earth in an area that may not even have clouds above it. This is called "Bolts Out of the Blue" and can only be avoided by using a lightning prediction system. If the lightning predictor sets off the alarm on a sunny day, it is not malfunctioning. There is a chance of being struck by lightning if the alarm is not heeded.

POLICIES

- Warning horn will sound (15 second blast) when a potentially dangerous weather situation is approaching.
- Clear the fields immediately & seek proper shelter (please return to your vehicle).
- Wait for the "All Clear" sound (3 short horn blasts). A couple minutes should be taken prior to returning to the fields as a safety precaution.
- If no "All Clear" sounds after 30 minutes, the game is canceled. *Please note:* For contests that have a time limit on the length of the game there is a "running clock" while the game is delayed.
- No sports program, umpire, referee, board member or individual can supersede this policy and continue athletic play or practices once the siren has sounded.
- Anyone seeing lightning needs to notify the proper officials: coaches, game officials. Steps need to be taken to clear the fields if conditions warrant even if the siren has not sounded.

Additional Rules of Thumb:

- If you hear the alarm, clear the field.
- Lead by example. All adults should also clear the field.

Frankfort Square Park District - 7540 West Braemar Lane - (815) 469-3524.