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Madison Street from County Road 22 to the south end of the road.

► Donna Drive from 200 feet south on Woodcrest Road to 175 feet southeast on Meadow Lane.

Ridgewood Drive from Voyager Drive to 175 feet north to South Darling Drive.

Sherman Drive from Voyager Drive to 125 feet north.

Summer Lane from Scenic Heights Road to Seasons Drive. ► Seasons Drive from its west end to the Deerwood Drive/Scenic Heights intersection

Wildflower Lane from McKay Avenue to the east end of the road.

Ridgewood Drive (a reclaim project) from Voyager Drive to 730 feet north.

► Kurt Street from Oak Knoll Drive to the Highway 29 frontage road.

Natures Trail from its west end to Birch Avenue.

Two streets on the list -Ridgewood Drive (going to South Darling Drive) and Donna Drive – are border streets with LaGrand Township and the city typically partners with adjacent townships to split the cost. If the township decides not to be a partner, the city would delete those two streets from the list of projects.

The total budget for the projects is \$362,000, although



This map shows the location of 14 street overlay projects in Alexandria that are scheduled for 2020.

the cost of the 14 projects is of the projects, depending on be bid as separate bid schedestimated at \$469,110, so the how the bids come in. As in ules and the amount of bids city may not be able to do all past years, all the streets will awarded will be adjusted to

meet the budget. Survey work will begin immediately.

## ABUSE

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was the one who saw something or heard something," said Doetkott. "If it was a teacher (who saw or heard something), I can support them in making that report, but all reports have to come from whoever it was that saw or heard it."

The first report is made verbally and then it is followed up with a written report.

More than 4 million reports of child abuse are received each year throughout the nation, according to the American Society for the Positive Care of Children. Those reports involve an estimated 7.5 million children – nearly 75% are victims of neglect, 18% victims of physical abuse, 8.6% victims of sexual abuse and about 7% psychologically mistreated. Child abuse crosses all socioeconomic and education levels. religions, ethnic and cultural groups. The society also noted that more than half - 54.1% of those who abuse children are women, and nearly 85% of abusers are between the ages of 18 and 44.

for the district to hear about a child's absence from bus drivers, said Doetkott. "Bus drivers know their students. They know more about the child than people may think. Honestly, that is with all staff. It's the hardest part for them because they care about their students.'

Bethke-Kaliher said students often seek out those who care about them when they need to share information.

"We see kids turn to who they trust and that may be a custodian, a food service person or a bus driver," she said. "Whoever that student has the most trust in, that is who they turn to."

The district works with its staff on how to build those kinds of relationships with students, said Bethke-Kaliher, who encourages staff members to make sure the student knows that school district

personnel are mandated reporters. The reason, she said, is students have started a conversation by saying, "I'm going to tell you something, but you have to promise not to tell anyone" because of the trust they feel.

Doetkett said she will always tell the student, "I can't make that promise, but you can still choose to tell me." The student almost always continues sharing, she said, although it may



#### **Always learning**

The way students learn and teachers teach has evolved. Bethke-Kaliher said students like — and need — oneon-one or one-on-two interaction with teachers, paraprofessionals or even social workers. In the last few years, the district has increased social workers' time so the needs of the students can be met.

The district offers training for staff members on various topics, such as traumainformed training, giving them a deeper awareness of types of traumas and triggers.

"Our staff does a great job with our students," Bethke-Kaliher said.



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### It's about the relationships

Some forms of abuse are easier to notice than others, Bethke-Kaliher said. Physical abuse, for example, is most often easier to detect because of physical signs, such as bruising or unexplained injuries. Other forms of abuse often come to light when a student shares something with a teacher or other staff member, said Doetkott.

Neglect can also be detected because of a student's attendance. Each day, office personnel checks on whether an absence is excused. If the school has not been notified a student is going to be absent, phone calls are made to parents and/or guardians.

If a student is absent multiple days in a row, Doetkett said the school district will do a welfare check, where a social worker or principal or both will go to the home and physically check on the student.

"If there are families in the system we are already working with, we will definitely go to the child's home to check on them," she said.

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