EBB/ADD - SCHOOL SAFETY
(Confidentiality of Safety Plans)

Category: Recommended See also ADD, EB

The Board recognizes that effective learning and teaching takes place in a safe, secure and welcoming environment and that safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement and community support. To that end, the Board directs the superintendent to develop a safe schools plan that includes:

1. Procedures that address the supervision and security of school buildings and grounds.
2. Procedures that address the safety and supervision of students during school hours and school-sponsored activities.
3. Procedures that address persons visiting school buildings and attending school-sponsored activities.
4. Training programs for staff and students in crisis prevention and management.
5. Training programs for staff and students in emergency response procedures that include practice drills.
6. Training programs for staff and students in how to recognize and respond to behavior or other information that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems.
7. Training and support for students that aims to relieve the fear, embarrassment and peer pressure associated with reporting behavior that may indicate impending violence or other safety problems.
8. Procedures for safe, confidential reporting of security and safety concerns at each school building.
9. Procedures for regular assessments by school security/safety professionals and law enforcement officers to evaluate the security needs of each school building and to provide recommendations for improvements if necessary.
10. Procedures for regular assessments by school climate professionals to determine whether students feel safe and to provide recommendations for improvements in school climate at each district building.
11. Procedures to provide for regular communications between district officials, law enforcement officers, fire department officials, city and county officials and local medical personnel to discuss crisis prevention and management strategies, including involvement by these parties in the development and revision of crisis prevention and management plans.
12. Training programs for staff and students in safety precautions and procedures related to fire prevention, natural disaster response, accident prevention, public health, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety,
environmental hazards, civil defense, classroom and occupational safety, and special hazards associated with athletics and other extracurricular activities.

13. Procedures for the reporting of criminal activity to law enforcement. Each building principal shall be responsible for the supervision and implementation of the safe school program at his or her school.

Elements of Safe School plans relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life, shall be withheld from the public and available only those with a need to know. This includes any information concerning practices (including equipment and locations) and procedures that may further disadvantage the safety and security of persons on school property or under the supervision of the school district, or school district property, if known to a potential perpetrator.

**Legal References:**

- RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones
- RSA 193-F, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

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