

SUBJECT: SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS

The BOCES has developed, and will update by July 1 of each succeeding year, a comprehensive District-wide school safety plan and building-level school safety plans, as enumerated in Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations, and in a form as prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. These plans will be designed to prevent or minimize the effects of serious violent incidents and emergencies and to facilitate the coordination of schools and the BOCES with local and county resources in the event of such incidents or emergencies.

Each plan shall be reviewed by the appropriate BOCES safety team on at least an annual basis, updated as needed and recommended to the Board of Education for approval. However, District-wide and building-level school safety plans shall be adopted by the Board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students, and any other interested parties. Further, the Board shall make the District-wide and building-level school safety plans available for public comment at least thirty (30) days prior to its adoption, provided that only a summary of each building-level emergency response plan (i.e., building-level school safety plan) shall be made available for public comment.

District-Wide School Safety Plan

District-wide school safety plan means a comprehensive, multi-hazard school safety plan that covers all school buildings of the BOCES, that addresses prevention and intervention strategies, emergency response and management at the BOCES level and has the contents as prescribed in Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations.

The District-wide school safety plan shall be developed by the District-wide school safety team appointed by the Board of Education. The District-wide team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the Board, student, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, BOCES safety personnel and other BOCES personnel.

Building-Level School Safety Plans

Building-level school safety plan means a building-specific school emergency response plan that addresses prevention and intervention strategies, emergency response and management at the building level and has the contents as prescribed in Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations.

The building-level plan shall be developed by the building-level safety team. The building-level safety team means a building-specific team appointed by the building principal, or administrator in accordance with regulations or guidelines prescribed by the Board of Education. The building-level team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, BOCES safety personnel, other BOCES personnel, community members, local law enforcement officials, local ambulance or other emergency response agencies, and any other representatives the Board deems appropriate.

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Filing/Disclosure Requirements

The BOCES shall file a copy of its comprehensive District-wide school safety plan and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Education no later than thirty (30) days after their adoption. A copy of each building-level safety plan and any amendments thereto shall be filed with the appropriate local law enforcement agency and with the state police within thirty (30) days of its adoption. Building-level emergency response plans shall be confidential and shall **not** be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law or any other provision of law.

Education Law Section 2801-a
Public Officers Law Article 6
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations
(NYCRR) Section 155.17

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