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SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOL FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS 3516(a)

Safety and Hazard Assessments: The District shall develop and implement a written school security and safety plan to conduct regular safety and hazard assessments of all classrooms, buildings, school grounds, gymnasiums, playgrounds, sports-related equipment, and buses and other vehicles used to transport students.

The school security and safety plan shall be an all-hazards approach to emergencies at schools and shall include, but not be limited to:

1. involvement of local officials, including the First Selectman, Superintendent of Schools, law enforcement, fire, public health, emergency management and emergency medical services, in the plan's development;
2. a command center organization structure based on the federal National Incident Management System and a description of the responsibilities of such command center organization;
3. a requirement that a school security and safety committee be established of each school;
4. crisis management procedures;
5. a requirement that local law enforcement and other local public safety officials evaluate, score and provide feedback on fire drills and crisis response drills;
6. a requirement that the District on behalf of the Board of Education submit annually reports to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection regarding fire drills and crisis response drills;
7. procedures for managing various types of emergencies;
8. a requirement that the District on behalf of the Board of Education conduct a security and vulnerability assessment for each school in the district every two (2) years and update a school security and safety plan for each school based upon the school security and safety plan standards developed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. (DESPP)

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9. a requirement that the Safe School Climate Committee of each school collect and evaluate information relating to instances of disturbing or threatening behavior that may not meet the statutory definition of bullying;
10. a requirement that each school provide an orientation pertaining to the security and safety plan to each employee and provide violence prevention training as prescribed in the school security and safety plan.

The District will annually submit each school's security and safety plan to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

School Security and Safety Committee

Each District school shall have a school security and safety committee under the jurisdiction of the District. Such committee is responsible for assisting in the development of the school security and safety plan for the school and administering the plan.

Membership must consist of a local police officer, a local first responder, a teacher at the school, a school administrator, a mental health professional (guidance counselor, social worker, school psychologist, school nurse, or child mental health specialist), a parent/guardian of an enrolled student and any other person the District finds necessary.

Parents/guardians on the committee shall not have access to information about disturbing or threatening student behavior reported to the committee, as such access may compromise student confidentiality.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-203 Sanitation
10-207 Duties of medical advisers
10-231 Fire Drills
P.A. 13-3 An Act Concerning Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety

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