

## **Business/Non-Instructional Operations**

### **Security of Buildings and Grounds**

Buildings constitute one of the greatest investments of the regional school district and the communities of Bethlehem and Woodbury. It is in the best interest of students and taxpayers to protect that investment adequately.

Security includes:

1. Developing at each school, in compliance with the requirements of P.A. 13-3, a school security and safety plan, in partnership with other community groups, including, but not limited to, law enforcement, fire safety officials, emergency medical services, as well as health and mental health professionals. Such plan shall be based upon the school security and safety plan standards developed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP).
2. Training and practice necessary and essential for implementation of the crisis response plan. Law enforcement and other local public safety officials shall evaluate, score and provide feedback on fire drills and crisis response drills.
3. Controlling access to school grounds and facilities.
4. Conducting a security and vulnerability assessment for each District school every two years.
5. Submitting annual reports to DESPP regarding fire drills and crisis response drills.
6. Establishing a School Security and Safety Committee at each school, responsible for assisting in the development of the school's security and safety plan and its implementation. (membership as required by P.A. 13-3)
7. Minimizing fire hazards.
8. Reducing the probability of faulty equipment.
9. Guarding against the chance of electrical shock.
10. Keeping records and funds in a safe place.
11. Protecting against vandalism and burglary.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to establish such rules and regulations as may be needed to provide for security as outlined above.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
29-389 Stairways and fire escapes on certain buildings.  
PA 13-3 An Act Concerning Gun Violence Protection and Children's Safety

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