

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

### **Safety**

#### **Sex Offender Notification**

In order to protect students while they are traveling to and from school, attending school or at a school-related activity, the Board of Education believes it is important that the district respond appropriately when a law enforcement agency contacts the district about registered sex offenders who may reside within the boundaries of the school system.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish an ongoing relationship with the local law enforcement officials to coordinate the receipt of such information. The Superintendent or his/her designee also shall establish procedures for notifying appropriate staff as necessary.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall annually notify parents/guardians of the district's planned response to this situation.

The following protocol should be considered for dealing with notification to parents.

1. Placing a link to the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry on the school district's website, whether or not the district has received a specific notification under this new law. This link can simply be entitled "Department of Public Safety" or words to similar effect. The following is the link to the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry:  
[http://www.communitynotification.com/cap\\_office\\_disclaimer.php?office=54567](http://www.communitynotification.com/cap_office_disclaimer.php?office=54567).

It is the policy of this school district to provide information to staff regarding known sex offenders residing within the district so that they may monitor school premises for the safety of the school, its students and employees. Staff will be notified as appropriate.

The Superintendent or his/her designee, in cooperation with school transportation officials, will evaluate bus routes and stops. If necessary and possible, bus stops may be moved if they place children in close proximity to a convicted sex offender. Moreover, it must be stressed that parents/guardians have the ultimate responsibility for the safety of their children at bus stops.

The school district will prepare a list of available resources. Staff will provide safety information to students on how to protect themselves from abuse, abduction or exploitation. School officials may work with law enforcement officials in providing instruction to staff and/or students.

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#### **Sex Offender Notification** (continued)

(cf. 1110.1- Parent Involvement)

(cf. 1212-School volunteers)

(cf. 1250-Visits to Schools)

(cf. 1251-Loitering or Causing Disturbance)

(cf. 1411-Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies)

(cf. 3516-Safety)

(cf. 3517- Security of Buildings and Grounds)

(cf. 3517.1-Site and Building Access)

Legal Reference:       Connecticut General Statutes  
                              Public Act No. 98-111 An Act Concerning the Registration of Sexual  
                              Offenders.  
                              United States Code, Title 42 14071 Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against  
                              Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Program Act.