

Board of Education Policy

GUIDELINES REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE OF SEX OFFENDERS

The community notification provisions of Megan's Law authorize entities with vulnerable populations to make secondary notification in order to promote public safety and to facilitate the prosecution of sex crimes. The District should consider those purposes and disseminate complete information on an offender only to those categories of officials, organizations and individuals, who are in a position to use the information to protect likely victims and facilitate the prosecution of sex crimes. Consideration should be given to the offense committed by the offender. Based on the nature of the offense committed by the offender, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee will determine if, and to whom it will give notice, as determined by law:

Upon receipt of a notification the District will take reasonable steps to confirm that the information contained in the notification pertaining to the offender's status is consistent with the information allowed to be disclosed for a Level-2 or Level-3 sex offender pursuant to the provisions of the Sex Offender Registration Act. In the event it is inconsistent, the District will contact the local law enforcement agency sending the notification. In the event it is consistent, the District will redistribute a copy of the actual notification as set forth below.

Whenever notification is received from any local law enforcement agency regarding convicted sex offenders residing within the District' geographical limits, the Superintendent or his/her designee may determine, depending on the facts of each case, to disseminate the notification to the following persons.

1. Board of Education
2. Building Principals
3. Staff members who regularly greet members of the public visiting the building
4. Bus Drivers
5. Crossing Guards
6. Playground Monitors
7. The Head Custodian in each building, with directions that the custodians on duty at any time when children are in the building also receive such information;
8. Security Personnel
9. Coaches
10. Supervisors of school-related organizations or other authorized activities that regularly meet or are regularly conducted on District property
11. PTO/PTSA Presidents; SEPTA District Representative; Booster Club President
12. Shared Decision Making Teams
13. Those members of the staff and community at large who, in the opinion of the Superintendent or his/her designee, have an immediate need to be notified of such data in order to promote public safety and facilitate the prosecution of sex crimes.

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Persons receiving notification are strongly encouraged to inform a responsible District official if they observe, within the school building, on school grounds, or in any other area under the District's jurisdiction, any suspicious person whom they believe meets the description of the sex offender in the notification.

Other community residents requesting information regarding the release of sex offenders shall be advised to contact their local law enforcement agency or to call 1-900-288-3838 for the Central Registry maintained by the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall take the necessary steps to implement these guidelines and to disseminate them to District staff.

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