

Board of Education Policy

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of the participation of District staff and parents in promoting a safe, secure, and healthy school environment. In accordance with Commissioner's Regulations, the Board will appoint a Health and Safety Committee composed of representation from District administrators, staff, bargaining units, and parents.

The Committee will participate in monitoring the condition of occupied school buildings to assure that they are safe and maintained in a state of good repair. The Superintendent of Schools will ensure that the Committee is appropriately involved in all of the activities required by the Commissioner's Regulations. Specifically, the Committee will:

1. Participate in the investigation and disposition of health and safety complaints.
 - a. A written response must be provided for all written complaints which must describe:
 - i. The investigations, inspections or tests made to verify the substance of the complaint, or a statement explaining why further investigations, inspections or tests are not necessary;
 - ii. The results of any investigations, inspections, or tests which address the complaint;
 - iii. The actions, if any, taken to solve the problem; and
 - iv. The action, if any, taken if the complaint involved a violation of law or of a contract provision.
2. Ensure that at least one member of the Committee participates in any visual inspection required by the State or Commissioner of Education.
3. Consult with the District in completing safety ratings of all occupied school buildings.
4. Monitor safety during school construction projects including periodic meetings to review issues and address complaints related to health and safety resulting from the project.
5. Upon completion of a construction project, be provided an opportunity by the District to conduct a walk-through inspection to confirm that the area is ready to be reopened for use.

Expanded Health and Safety Committee

During construction projects, the Committee will be expanded to include the architect, construction manager, and contractor. This expanded Committee will:

1. Participate in the investigation and disposition of District health and safety complaints and/or noise complaints regarding the construction or maintenance project.
 - a. A written response must be provided for all written complaints which must describe:
 - i. The investigations, inspections or tests made to verify the substance of the complaint, or a statement explaining why further investigations, inspections or tests are not necessary;
 - ii. The results of any investigations, inspections, or tests which address the complaint;
 - iii. The actions, if any, taken to solve the problem; and
 - iv. The action, if any, taken if the complaint involved a violation of law or of a contract provision.
2. Meet periodically to review issues and address complaints regarding health and safety resulting from construction projects.

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3. Monitor safety during construction projects including periodic meetings to review issues and address complaints related to health and safety resulting from the project.
4. Upon completion of a construction project, be provided an opportunity by the District to conduct a walk-through inspection to confirm that the area is ready to be reopened for use.

Reference: 8 NYCRR Part 155 (Educational Facilities)

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