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Crisis Prevention/Response

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 (District) recognizes that schools are subject to a number of potentially disruptive events. These events include major crises. No school is immune no matter the size or location. The challenge, however, is to protect students as much as possible. While the very nature of a crisis may make preparation difficult, the Board of Education (Board) believes that staff and students should be ready to respond quickly and appropriately to emergency situations. The Board recognizes that all District staff and students must be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly to emergencies, disasters, and threats of disaster. Being prepared for crises can enhance the district's effectiveness in responding to smaller incidents.

Although there is no guarantee that a district (school) will ever be completely safe from crisis, the district will take the appropriate security measures to provide a safe, orderly, civil, and positive learning environment for students, staff, and visitors, including development, implementation, and regular updating of a comprehensive crisis/emergency management plan. Such plans shall be based on the school security and safety plan standards and the accompanying School Security and Safety Plan Template developed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, pursuant to section 86 of PA 13-3.

In developing the District and school security and safety plans, the Superintendent or their designee shall collaborate closely with law enforcement, fire and emergency services personnel and community partners, including public health and mental health professionals who can assist with the development of a plan that addresses a wide range of crises.

The Superintendent or their designee shall also develop and maintain emergency plans for each school site, with the cooperation of the school's security and safety committee.

The Board shall annually, by November 1st of each year, submit the school security and safety plan for each school to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, via submission to the District's DEMHS Regional Coordinator in the manner prescribed by said agency.

The Board shall grant the use of school buildings, grounds, and equipment when requested to public agencies or to non-profit agencies at the discretion of the Superintendent for care and shelter during natural disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The Board shall collaborate with such agencies in furnishing and maintaining services they deem necessary to meet the community's needs.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student.

10-207 Duties of medical advisors.

10-209 Records not to be public.

10-210 Notice of disease to be given parent or guardian.

10-221e Boards of education to prescribe rules.

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10-222m - School security and safety plans. School security and safety committees

10-222n - School security and safety plan standards

19a-221 Quarantine of certain persons.

52-557b Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance, first aid or medication by injection. School personnel not required to administer or render.

PA 13-3 An Act Concerning Gun Violence and Children's Safety

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 45 C.F.R. 99.