COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1021

POLICY FOR HANDLING AND DISSEMINATING IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING SEX OFFENDERS

I. The Board of Education will work with the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services and local law enforcement authorities to inform the community of the presence of sex offenders who are listed on the Sex Offender Registry pursuant to Megan's Law. The Board adopts this policy to minimize the possibility that Megan's Law sex offenders will come in contact with school-age children and to help law enforcement agencies promote the safety of students.

II. The District will notify all staff members that they may receive Megan's Law Information by forwarding a written request to a designated administrator.

III. District employees will inform their immediate supervisor if they observe within the school building, on school grounds, at school activities, or at or near school bus routes any individual engaged in suspicious activity or any individual whose description matches the information that was provided to the District by law enforcement authorities. The Superintendent of Schools will determine whether the employee's observations should be reported to local law enforcement officials.

IV. If the District receives Megan's Law Information about a sex offender from a law enforcement agency, the Superintendent will:

A. Automatically disseminate the information to:

1. Building principals. (Principals shall be directed to advise staff members who regularly greet members of the public who visit the building.)

2. Transportation Supervisors and/or person in charge of bus garage.

3. Athletic Director.

4. Advisors or Supervisors of school-related or non-school-related youth groups that regularly use school facilities.

5. Other supervisory personnel, who in the opinion of the Superintendent, need the information to ensure the protection and safety of students.

B. Determine whether it is appropriate:

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1. To restrict the disclosure of information to the list of persons who are automatically notified or to expand the disclosure of information to other persons.

2. To provide the public with a general notice describing the public's ability to receive such information upon written request to the District.

3. To provide the public with part or all of the information that the District received.

C. The District administration may also consider providing classroom instruction on safety techniques in addition to the instruction mandated on avoidance of child sexual abuse (8 NYCRR § 100.2(j)(1)(i)).

D. Community members may request information about sex offenders that is not Megan's Law Information or that the District received from a source other than the Sex Offender Registry according to the procedures set forth in the District's Public Access To Records Policy.

V. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall establish administrative regulations to implement this resolution, and shall distribute said regulations to District staff.

Stockbridge Valley Central School District:
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