

RSU #63

- a. **NEPN/NSBA Code:** **KEG**
- b. **Title:** **Dissemination of Information on Registered Sex Offenders Within the District**
- c. **Author:**
- d. **Replaces Policy:**
- e. **Date Approved:** **05/22/2017 RSU #63**
- f. **Previously Approved:** **04/05/2004**
- g. **Policy Expiration:** **Review as Needed**
- h. **Responsible for Review:** **Superintendent & Policy Committee**
- i. **Date Reviewed:** **05/01/2017 Superintendent**
05/01/2017 Policy Committee
- j. **References:** **Holden Police Dept. Sex Offender Notification Policy**
Penobscot County Sheriff's Dept. Procedures Internet list: www.maine.gov/sor & <http://www.maine.gov/dps/mcja/links/index.htm> (registered sex offenders)
- k. **Narrative:**

The RSU 63 Board of Directors (the Board) appreciates and understands the concern parents, guardians, district personnel and administrators, and residents within the district's communities have regarding the safety of students and adults when it comes to the presence of registered sex offenders within the district. The following information has been provided by our local law enforcement agencies as to their policies and procedures following their receipt of proper and verified information. **It is important not to do or say anything until the local law enforcement officials have determined there is a verified case of a registered sex offender in the area.**

- I. The State of Maine Bureau of Identification or the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office will notify the towns' law enforcement offices that a sex offender, required by law to register in any community wherein he/she resides, has established residence in one of the district's communities (Clifton, Eddington, and Holden). The appropriate law enforcement officer for that community (i.e. the Holden Police Chief/designee or the assigned Penobscot County Sheriff's deputy), will attempt to determine if the offender has been classified as to his/her likelihood to commit a similar crime. If the offender has been classified as a maximum or high-risk sex offender, and if the victim had not attained the age of 16 at the time of the crime, the appropriate law enforcement officer will ascertain if the offender actually resides at the address provided by the state.

If the offender does not reside at the address provided, the assigned law enforcement officer will attempt to determine if the offender has moved to another location within the school district and will notify the State Bureau of Identification, the Penobscot Sheriff's Office, and the District Attorney's office of the offender's actual location or whether the offender has moved out of the school district.

- II. If law enforcement determines a registered sex offender, who has been categorized as Moderate/High Risk, has moved into one of the district's communities, the RSU 63 Superintendent of Schools will receive an email notice from the assigned local law enforcement agency. The notice will include the name, physical description, ~~and~~ address of the offender, the offense date, and the circumstances of the crime. A picture will be included if reasonably available. Upon receipt of the notice, the Superintendent or his/her designee will immediately inform the principals and members of the district's administrative team, and the Board Chair. Copies of the information supplied by law enforcement will be forwarded to all faculty, building staff, and bus drivers. None of the provided material will be given to students, discussed with students, or posted.
- III. It is the responsibility of local law enforcement officials to make the actual notification to the affected household areas. **This is not a responsibility of RSU 63 personnel and should not be undertaken.** Any administrator, staff, or faculty member must inform the principal of any sighting of the offender on school premises. In turn, the principal will call 911 or the local law enforcement office.
- IV. Any teacher, parent, guardian, or other individual who asks about whether there is a registered sex offender in the area will be informed with the same material available at the website (www.maine.gov/sor).