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### 7444 USE OF METAL DETECTORS/X-RAY SCANNERS

The Board of Education is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of all children, staff, and visitors of the school district. The Board authorizes the school district administration to use stationary and/or hand-held metal detectors and x-ray scanners at any school district activity and in the school district's buildings or on "school grounds". These metal detectors and x-ray scanners may be used for entrance into a school building, on "school grounds", as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3, or at any school district activity where the Superintendent or his/her designee believes a security threat may be present.

Persons entering a school building or attending a school activity may be subject to daily, regular, or random screening with a metal detector or x-ray scanner. The metal detector or x-ray scanner may be a stationary, hand-held, or other type of screening device. The Superintendent or designee shall determine if the screening shall be daily, regular, or random upon evaluating the security threat posed by the situation at the time. The screenings may take place before entering a school building; gaining access to school grounds (as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3); being admitted to a school activity; boarding or unloading a school bus; and/or before gaining access to any other location and/or activity sponsored by this school district. Persons that do not consent to a metal detection or x-ray screening may be denied admittance.

The Director of Security shall recommend the Board purchase metal detectors or x-ray scanners approved for the school district's intended use; shall schedule training and re-training for all personnel using metal detectors and x-ray scanners; shall provide additional training for all personnel trained and authorized to use metal detectors and x-ray scanners in the event there is a security breach near or at the location of a metal detector or x-ray scanner; and shall coordinate all school district metal detector and x-ray scanner tests in accordance



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with the requirements as outlined in the manufacturer's specifications. The Director of Security shall maintain records for the purchase of metal detectors and x-ray scanners, training and re-training of personnel in the use of metal detectors and x-ray scanners and potential security breaches, and the testing of metal detectors and x-ray scanners.

The Paterson Police Department will be immediately contacted in the event a person is found to have in their possession any item that poses a threat to the security of the person(s) or others.

All school district parent, student, and faculty handbooks will indicate: "The Paterson Board of Education may use metal detecting devices and x-ray scanners in all school buildings, on school grounds, and at all school activities."

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