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- In the **Superintendent's Directive** section, bullet #7 was amended to include "trauma informed drill language" to comply with NYSED 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(g). The bullet now reads (new text in bold): *Ensuring the conduct of required evacuation and lockdown drills in a **trauma-informed, developmentally, and age-appropriate manner that does not include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency** in all district buildings as required by Education Law section 807...*
- In the **Plan Review and Public Comment** section bullet #6 regarding sharing building plans with law enforcement was revised to more accurately comply with 155.17 (c)(3)(ii) law. The text reads *"Building-level Emergency Response Plans will be supplied to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the State Police, by October 1 st of each year or within 30 days of adoption."* It previously stated "New York State Police, County Police and all local police departments covering the District"
- In **Prevention and Intervention Strategies** a clarifying **comment** was added regarding Threat Assessment/Behavioral Assessment teams based on (155.7(4)(1)(iii)(b) law).
- An **After School Events Annex** has been added to the building-level emergency response plans. Within the District-wide safety plan, a brief statement has been added to **Section II Risk Reduction/Prevention and Intervention** confirming compliance with this new regulation. [See the NYS Memo here](#), [See law](#).
- The **Drills & Exercises section** has been streamlined for clarity, making legal requirements and components easier to understand and follow. In addition:
 - Clarification was made regarding **drills during mass gathering events such as lunch periods or assemblies**. The text states: *Students will be instructed in the procedure to be followed in the event that a fire occurs during the lunch period or assembly. This instruction may be waived if a drill is held during the regular school lunch period or assembly.* [See law](#).
 - In addition to the **After School Events Annex** language being added to Section II, a statement was added to the Drills section as well. The text states: *For after-school programs, events or performances conducted within a school building that include persons who do not regularly attend classes in the building, the principal or other person in charge of the building must require the teacher or person in charge of the after-school program, event or performance to notify attendees of the procedures to be followed in an emergency.* [See law](#).
 - **"Full Scale Exercise" opt-out language** was added.
- In the **Staff Development Training** section, the text regarding training requirements of BLERP and DWSP was updated. [See the NYS Memo Here](#). The text is as follows: *Effective July 1, 2025, the training will include a description of the roles and responsibilities of the Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team, the building-level Incident Command System including the roles and responsibilities of designated staff, and the building level-emergency response plan procedures for implementing the following required emergency response terms: shelter, hold, evacuate, secure lockout, and lockdown. The required training shall also include the procedures for conducting drills, including whether classrooms will be released from lockdown by law*

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enforcement or school or district administrators during drills, and the district and building policies, procedures, and programs related to safety including those which include components on violence prevention and mental health.

- In the **Protocols for Responding to Bomb Threats, Hostage-takings, Intruders, Abduction, and Other Emergency Situations** the following bullets have been amended:
 - “Abduction” became “Abduction/Kidnapping”
 - “Elopement” became “Missing Child/Elopement”
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- In the **Responses to Acts of Violence** section, bullet #5 was amended to add the words “*or emergency closure*” to comply with NYSED 155.17.