



OLEAN CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

Presentation

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District-Wide School Safety Plan Updates

In 2000, New York enacted the most comprehensive legislative plan in the nation to govern safety and orderliness within N.Y.S. schools.

Pursuant to the Project SAVE (Safe Schools Against Violence in Education) regulations:

- The Olean City School District has a District-wide Emergency Response Team.
- Every school in the Olean District has a Building-level Emergency Response Team.
- Both groups meet several times throughout the year and are comprised of teachers, staff, administrators, school board members, law enforcement, emergency responders, and parents.
- Annually, the Plan should be reviewed and revised. District will hold a public hearing to review the plan and obtain feedback for 30 days before the Board approves the new plan.

Presentation Overview

Annual District Safety Public Hearing

- Required by NYSED prior to BOE adoption of the plan
- Overview of the District Safety Plan
- Focusing on revisions to the plan.

Updates related to District Safety

- Trainings & safety drills for school employees
- Trainings & safety drills for new employees
- Continual evaluation of the elements of comprehensive safety.





District-Wide Safety Committee

The Olean City School District created a District-wide School Safety Committee consisting of, but not limited to, representatives of the School Board, teachers, administrators, parent organizations, school safety personnel, local law enforcement and emergency agencies.

The District-wide Safety Committee assisted with the development and review of the District-wide Safety Plan, which is annually reviewed and updated. The team will continue to review and assess any obstacles to the implementation of the Plan.



District versus Building Safety Plans

The **District-wide** safety plan is a general guide and provides broad concepts, policies and procedures. District-wide plans outline strategies rather than provide details. It is approved by the Board of Education and filed with the NYS Education Department. ***The district plan is public.***

The **Building-level** safety plans outlines detail specific response strategies and detailed plans to show how school personnel and students will respond to an emergency in their building. Details about evacuation and where students reassemble are included. ***The building plan is confidential and protected from disclosure under Article 6 of the Public Officers Law.***

The entire plan will be reviewed/updated annually to reflect current procedures and training is conducted with staff at all buildings and locations to ensure the general concepts of the plan are understood throughout the district.



Components of the District-Wide Safety Plan

1. General Considerations, including Hazard Identification

2. Emergency Response Planning

3. Responding to Threats and Acts of Violence

4. Post-Incident Coordination & Communication

5. Prevention & Intervention Strategies



District and Building-level Safety Plans

Examples of Emergency Responses Outlined in Plan

- ● Emergency Closing/School Cancellation
- ● Early Dismissal
- ● Evacuation
- ● Relocation
- ● Shelter in Place
- ● Lockdown

NOTE: Annually schools participate in drills.



Updates to this year's plan and process:



Began process for feedback earlier: Safety Committee received in Spring '24 to review and provide feedback.



Changed process for school and district plan development to begin earlier and align with guidelines in NYSED guidance

Update: District Plans





Additional Requirement: Continuation of Operations Plan Addendum to the District Safety Plan

Background In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Cuomo signed into law Chapter 168 of the Laws of 2020, which required:

- Public employers, including school districts, to adopt a continuation of operations plan;
- Used in the event of a declaration of a public health emergency involving communicable disease

District Safety Plan

Task	Date(s)
District-Wide Safety Team annual review date	May 22, 2024
District-Wide School Safety Plan – Public comment period (began & ended)	July 30, 2024 - August 30, 2024
Public Hearing	July 30, 2024
District-Wide School Safety Plan approved by Board	August 27, 2024
District-Wide School Safety Plan posted to website	August 28, 2024
URL of District-Wide School Safety Plan verified	https://www.oleanschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=160



Continued Efforts to Enhance Safety

Ongoing communications, trainings and drills to optimize safety and emergency preparedness

Review of building and district-wide protocols to ensure ongoing safety



4 Ways to Provide Feedback

- * Public Hearing – July 30, 2024
- * Online Form
- * Email
- * Phone



Questions or comments?

