

## Notice of Emergency Rule

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

RULE NO.:      RULE TITLE:

6AER23-02      District Threat Management Coordinator Designation and Reporting

**SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE:** The legislature found that emergency rulemaking is necessary, and all conditions are deemed met to adopt rules for the purpose of implementing the amendments made to Section (s.) 1001.212(12), Florida Statutes (F.S.). See Chapter 23-18, § 20, Laws of Florida, effective April 3, 2023. This emergency rule implements 2023 amendments to s. 1001.212(12), F.S., which requires the Department of Education's Office of Safe Schools to develop a statewide, Florida-specific threat management operational process and threat assessment instrument, to provide training on the operational process, and coordinate the ongoing implementation of the process. See Chapter 23-18, § 19, Laws of Florida, effective April 3, 2023. Requiring school districts to designate a District Threat Management Coordinator is a necessary step in the transition to and implementation of the Florida-specific threat management process.

**REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES:** The Department of Education is authorized to adopt emergency rules to implement the changes made to s. 1001.212(12), F.S. (see Chapter 23-18, § 20, Laws of Florida, effective April 3, 2023), and the public had the opportunity to provide input during the legislative process. Moreover, because the Department is headed by a board, rather than an individual, the emergency rule was considered at a public meeting with the opportunity for public input prior to adoption. While this period is an abbreviated one, the procedure utilized is fair to interested and affected persons.

**SUMMARY:** The emergency rule requires school districts to designate a District Threat Management Coordinator, sets forth responsibilities of the Coordinator, and requires that school districts provide the Florida Department of Education's Office of Safe Schools with contact information for the Coordinator.

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:** Scott R. Strauss, Vice-Chancellor, Office of Safe Schools, Scott.Strauss@fldoe.org

THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

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##### **(1) Definitions.**

(a) "School district" or "district" means a Florida school district, the Florida Virtual School (Section 1002.37, F.S.), the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (Section 1002.36, F.S.), Developmental Research (Laboratory) Schools (Section 1002.32, F.S.), and charter schools sponsored by a university or Florida College System institution (Section 1002.33(5), F.S.).

(b) "Threat Management" means the process by which schools identify individuals exhibiting threatening or other concerning behavior, assess the risk of harm, and coordinate appropriate interventions and services for such individuals, as provided in s. 1006.07(7), F.S.

##### **(2) Designation and Responsibilities of Threat Management Coordinator.**

(a) Each district school superintendent must designate a Threat Management Coordinator to oversee threat management at all public K-12 schools, including charter schools sponsored by or under contract with the district. Where there is no superintendent, the lead administrator for the school must assign the Threat Management Coordinator.

##### **(b) The Coordinator must:**

1. Ensure that all district-level and school-level threat management team personnel are trained in threat management, including when available, training on the Florida-specific behavioral threat management process and instrument;

2. Be a member of a district level Threat Management Team;

3. Serve as the liaison to the Department of Education's Office of Safe Schools under the new Florida-specific threat management process; and

4. Assist school-level Threat Management Teams in the district.

(3) Each school district school superintendent, or lead administrator if there is no superintendent, must report the name, phone number, and email address of the District Threat Management Coordinator to the Office of Safe Schools at SafeSchools@fldoe.org. This information must be reported by July 1, 2023, and must be updated within one (1) school day if there is a change in the information provided.

Rulemaking Authority Ch. 23-18 § 20, Laws of Florida, 1001.02(2)(n), 1001.212(12) FS. Law Implemented, 1001.212, FS. History –New 5-24-23.

THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.