BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MANAGEMENT

It shall be the policy of the St. Mary Parish School Board to require that school properties be maintained in good physical condition. The School Board, therefore, shall instruct the Superintendent to assure that all normal building and grounds maintenance, repairs and improvement functions are an integral part of the administration of the school system, including the regular evaluation for any safety hazards.

The Superintendent shall be vested with a broad range of administrative and supervisory authority relative to the school system's buildings and grounds program. Regular reports shall be made available to the School Board relative to maintenance needs, safety, utility and attractiveness of school plants and grounds within the school system.

The School Board shall not be held responsible for any personal items stolen or damaged on school premises. The School Board shall require principals and/or persons in charge of public school property to prohibit the use, sale, or possession of alcoholic beverages on public school property.

VACANT AND/OR UNOCCUPIED BUILDINGS

Vacant and/or unoccupied premises owned by the School Board shall be properly secured and maintained to prevent unauthorized trespass or injury to the general public. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or his/her designee to assure that any vacant and/or unoccupied property of the School Board has limited access for authorized personnel only and the grounds are maintained regularly.

SMOKING/TOBACCO/MARIJUANA USE ON SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY

It shall be the policy of the St. Mary Parish School Board that smoking and the use of any tobacco or marijuana product is strictly prohibited on all St. Mary Parish School Board property.

The use of any tobacco product, smokeless tobacco, or marijuana product in any form, or any smoking object/device, including but not limited to electronic cigarettes, advanced personal vaporizers, vape pens, vape mods and similar devices, shall be prohibited on and in all School Board property and vehicles, and at all school-sponsored or school-approved functions. However, this prohibition shall not be applicable to any tobacco product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product and which is marketed and sold solely for such purpose.

School Board property shall include any elementary or secondary school buildings or grounds, buildings, any portable buildings, field houses, stadiums, equipment storage areas, vacant land, or any other property owned, operated, or leased by the School Board where any form of School Board business is or may be conducted.

Tobacco-free signage shall be posted for employees and visitors at/on all School Board properties.

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