Title: **Terroristic Threats**
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Purpose

The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats by students present to the safety and welfare of district students, staff and community. The Board acknowledges the need for an immediate and effective response to a situation involving such a threat.

Definitions

Communicate - shall mean to convey in person or by written or electronic means, including telephone, electronic mail, Internet, facsimile, telex and similar transmissions.[1]

Terroristic threat - shall mean a threat communicated either directly or indirectly to commit any crime of violence with the intent to terrorize another; to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation; or to otherwise cause serious public inconvenience, or cause terror or serious public inconvenience with reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.[1]

Authority

The Board prohibits any district student from communicating terroristic threats directed at any student, employee, Board

member, community member or property owned, leased or being used by the district.

In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the district shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.[2][3][4][5][6]

If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats, the Board may require, prior to readmission, that the student provide competent and credible evidence that the student does not pose a risk of harm to others.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulations and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials and the district's emergency preparedness plan.[7][8]

Guidelines

Staff members and students shall be made aware of their responsibility for informing the building principal regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat.[9]

The building principal shall immediately inform the Superintendent after receiving a report of such a threat.

The Superintendent or designee may report incidents involving terroristic threats on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the local police department

that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.[7][10][11][12]

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving a terroristic threat as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.[10][13]

In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of terroristic threats to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form.[12]

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Legal References:

- 1. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 2706
- 2. 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq
- 3. 22 PA Code 10.23
- 4. Pol. 103.1
- 5. Pol. 113.1
- 6. Pol. 113.2
- 7. 24 P.S. 1302.1-A
- 8. Pol. 805
- 9. 22 PA Code 12.2
- 10. 22 PA Code 10.2
- 11. 22 PA Code 10.22
- 12. 24 P.S. 1303-A
- 13. 22 PA Code 10.25
- 34 CFR Part 300
- Pol. 233