



PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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I hereby certify and verify to the Commissioner of Education the full development, adoption, and implementation of local operational procedures that strictly comply with the requirements of New York State Education Department's model procedures and the applicable provisions of State law regarding school interactions with law enforcement authorities.

As required by statute, our district's implemented procedures explicitly include, but are not limited to, the following core components:

1. **Designated Review Authority:** The district has designated a specific individual, the Superintendent of Schools in conjunction with district legal counsel, who is solely responsible for reviewing and authorizing or denying any request from law enforcement authorities to enter school property or to take custody of a student.
 - The Superintendent, in conjunction with district legal counsel will examine all documentation prior to law enforcement contact with any school-aged student on district property.
2. **Access & Custody Protocols:** Established strict protocols requiring a valid judicial warrant or court order issued by a competent federal or state court prior to granting access or transferring custody of any student to a law enforcement authority, explicitly clarifying that administrative or civil immigration documents are legally insufficient.
 - No law enforcement official may have access to any school-aged student on district property, for law enforcement purposes, without approval by the Superintendent of Schools/district legal counsel and appropriate court approved judicial approval/jurisdiction.
3. **Parental and Community Notification:** Implemented a distribution process to formally notify parents, guardians, and persons in a parental relationship regarding the statutory rights, privacy protections, and safety safeguards afforded to students and families under this section.
 - Parents/Guardians are notified at least annually of all rights and protections as well as procedures and protocols regarding predetermined approvals for school-aged student contact while on district property.
4. **Emergency Placement & Pickup Safeguards:** Enacted mandatory operational guidelines to protect students whose parents or guardians are detained or rendered unavailable due to a law enforcement actions. These guidelines strictly prohibit contact with the Statewide Central Register for Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) unless the school has first exhausted all reasonable efforts to contact all alternative authorized emergency contacts, and mandate that the student be safely retained on school premises until retrieved by an authorized individual.
 - Parents/guardians are afforded the ongoing opportunity to establish emergency contacts and designate emergency, pre-approved, trusted adults to support school-aged students should parents/guardians be detained or rendered unavailable due to law enforcement action.