



**KENMORE-TOWN OF TONAWANDA**  
**UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY & EMERGENCY**  
**MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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## STATE REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Required Action	Date	Check when Completed
The District-Wide School Safety Team was <b>appointed by the Board of Education</b> . <sup>1</sup>	<b>Appointed by the Board of Education on:</b> July 2 , 2024	July 2, 2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The District Chief Emergency Officer is: <sup>2</sup> <b>Dina Ferraraccio, Director of School Culture</b>	<b>District Chief Emergency Officer Appointed on:</b> July 2, 2024	July 2, 2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The District-Wide School Safety Team conducted <b>annual review and updates</b> to the District-Wide School Safety Plan: <sup>3</sup> <b>May 16, 2024</b>	<b>Annual Review and Updates completed on:</b> April 11, 2024-May 16, 2024	May 16, 2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The District-Wide School Safety Plan was <b>made available for public comment at least thirty days prior to its adoption</b> by the Board of Education: <sup>4</sup>  It is recommended that a <b>DRAFT</b> version of the plan be <b>posted on the district website for the 30-day comment period</b> (watermark is suggested)	<b>Public Comment Period <u>June 1, 2024</u>:</b> <b>Public Comment Period <u>June 30, 2024</u></b>  <a href="https://www.ktufsd.org/Page/19891">https://www.ktufsd.org/Page/19891</a>	June 1, 2024-June 30, 2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
At least one <b>public hearing</b> that provided for the participation of school personnel, parents, students, and any other interested parties, was held prior to adoption of the plan. <sup>5</sup>	<b>Date of Public Hearing/Adoption (by <u>September 1st</u>):</b> July 2, 2024 <b>August 6, 2024 was adoption</b>	July 2, 2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
District-wide plan must be <b>submitted to the commissioner</b> within 30 days after its adoption, and <b>no later than <u>October 1st</u></b> . <sup>6</sup>	<b>District plan submitted in the NYSED business portal (no later than <u>October 1st</u>):</b>	September 30, 2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The date the <b>Board Adopted District-Wide School Safety Plan was posted on the district Website</b> : <sup>7</sup> <b>Within 30 days from adoption and no later than <u>October 1st</u></b> .	<b>Date Posted</b> August 7, 2024  <b>[ADD URL] of District-wide School Safety Plan on district Website</b>	August 7, 2024]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<sup>1</sup> District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the board of education, the chancellor in the case of New York City, or other governing board.

<sup>2</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xix) the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent's designee, as the district chief emergency officer

<sup>3</sup> 155.17(a) Each district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plan shall be reviewed by the appropriate school safety team on at least an annual basis, and updated as needed.

<sup>4</sup> 155.17(c)(3) Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body shall make each district-wide safety plan available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption.

<sup>5</sup> 155.17(c)(3) Such district-wide plans may be adopted by the school board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested parties.

<sup>6</sup> CR155.17(3)(i) Each district shall submit its district-wide safety plan and all amendments to such plan to the commissioner, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, within 30 days after its adoption. Commencing with the 2019- 2020 school year, such district-wide plans must be submitted no later than October 1, 2019, and each subsequent October 1st thereafter.

<sup>7</sup> District-wide School Safety Plan Self-Assessment and Planning Tool, Within 30 days from adoption, and no later than October 1, each district must post their District-Wide Safety Plan on their district website. The URL must be submitted to the Education Department to comply with the requirement that the plan be submitted to the Commissioner within 30 days from adoption.

	URL was verified/checked to be sure the link is working		
Date training was provided to staff on <b>Building-level Emergency Response Plans, school violence prevention and mental health by September 15th:</b> <sup>8</sup>	<b>Date of Training:</b> August 27-August 29, 2024	August 27-August 29, 2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<sup>8</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xiii) policies and procedures for annual multi-hazard school safety training for staff and students, provided that the district must certify to the commissioner that all staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 and each subsequent September 15th thereafter on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner;

PURPOSE

Emergencies in schools are defined as undesirable events that occur and have the potential to cause injury or illness to members of our school community or disrupt the orderly educational process. They range from acts of bullying or harassment to catastrophic natural or man-made events. Emergency management is the discipline of dealing with and avoiding risks. It is a discipline that involves preparing for an emergency situation or disaster before it occurs as well as supporting and rebuilding from the emergency after natural or human-made disasters have occurred.

Emergency management in our schools is the continuous process by which our staff, students, administrators, parents, school groups, emergency responders and our community manages hazards in an effort to avoid or mitigate the impact of disasters. resulting from hazards. Preventive measures and good planning will reduce the likelihood that emergencies will occur and allow us to address those that do in an expeditious and effective manner.

Districts are required to develop district-wide school safety and emergency management plans designed to prevent and effectively manage such events to minimize the effects of serious incidents and emergencies. These plans also facilitate the coordination of the District with local and county plans and resources when incidents and emergencies occur.

The district-wide plan is responsive to the needs of all schools in the District and is consistent with the more detailed building-level emergency plans. Districts are vulnerable to a wide variety of acts of violence; and natural and manmade disasters. To address these threats, the State of New York has enacted the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E.) law. Project S.A.V.E. is a comprehensive planning effort that addresses prevention, response, and recovery with respect to a variety of emergencies in schools.

The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District supports the S.A.V.E. legislation. As such, the Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, and the entire District staff encourages and advocates on-going district-wide cooperation in support of Project S.A.V.E.

SUPERINTENDENT’S DIRECTIVE

The Director of School Culture, or Designee (see [State Requirements](#)), will serve as the District’s Chief Emergency Officer (CEO)<sup>9</sup> whose duties shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement, and other first responders;<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> 155.17(1)(c)(xix) the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent’s designee, as the district chief emergency officer whose duties shall include, but not be limited to:

<sup>10</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(a) coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement, and other first responders;

2. Leading the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans;<sup>11</sup>
3. Ensuring staff understanding of the district-wide school safety plan;<sup>12</sup>
4. Ensuring the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building<sup>13</sup> The CEO will require each building principal to maintain a Building-level Emergency Response Plan in compliance with Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.17(2). Each plan should be updated annually with the assistance of the Building Emergency Response Team (BERT). The plan shall provide for lockdown, lockout, sheltering, evacuation, early dismissal, fire and other emergency planning and notification (when necessary) to students and staff, annual drills and exercises, and coordination with local and county emergency preparedness administrators. These plans shall be submitted to the District's Safety Team for annual approval and incorporation into the overall District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan.
5. Assisting in the selection of security related technology and development of procedures for the use of such technology;<sup>14</sup>
6. Coordination of appropriate safety, security, and emergency training for district and school staff, including required training in the district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plan;<sup>15</sup>
7. Ensuring the conduct of required evacuation and lockdown drills in all district buildings as required by Education Law section 807;<sup>16</sup> and
8. Ensuring the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans by the dates designated by the commissioner.<sup>17</sup>
9. Ensures protocols for responding to a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease are substantially consistent with the provisions of Section 27-C of the Labor Law.

### IDENTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEAMS

The District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan was developed pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation 155.17(b)(13) and NYS Education Law 2801-a<sup>18</sup>. At the direction of the Board of Education and under the direction of the Superintendent, a District-wide Safety Team will be utilized for emergency management within the District<sup>19</sup>. The Safety Team shall include, but is not limited to,

<sup>11</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(b) lead the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans

<sup>12</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(c) ensure staff understanding of the district-wide school safety plan

<sup>13</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(d) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building

<sup>14</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(e) assist in the selection of security related technology and development of procedures for the use of such technology

<sup>15</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(f) coordinate appropriate safety, security, and emergency training for district and school staff, including required training in the district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response [plan] plan(s);

<sup>16</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(g) ensure the conduct of required evacuation and lock-down drills in all district buildings as required by Education Law section 807

<sup>17</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(h) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans by the dates designated by the commissioner

<sup>18</sup> 2801.a(4) Each district-wide school safety team shall be appointed by the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the city school district of the city of New York, and shall include but not be limited to representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors.

<sup>19</sup> 155.17(b)(14) District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the board of education, the chancellor in the case of New York City, or other governing board. The district-wide team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, parent organizations, bus drivers and monitors, school safety personnel and other school personnel.

representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel and other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors.

At the discretion of the board of education, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team. If the Board appoints or selects a student to participate on the safety team, in accordance with Regulation 155.17(b)(14), no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed.

The duties of the team shall include the development, review, and update of the District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan in compliance with Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.17. The District Safety Team should meet regularly throughout the year to conduct the following business:

1. Assess and review the District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan annually.
2. Make any necessary recommendations regarding emergency operations, planning, procedures, and/or protocols.
3. Conduct training sessions as necessary.
4. Meet with, oversee, and help guide the Building-level Emergency Response Planning Teams at each school as necessary.
5. Meet as needed with the District's Emergency Management Consultant to review protocols and procedures as well as receive training and instruction.
6. Meet with local government and emergency service organization officials to develop procedures for obtaining guidance and for emergency situations that exceed the expertise and/or resources of the District. These procedures may then be incorporated into the District's Emergency Management Plan.
7. Conduct all other business as deemed necessary.

#### DISTRICT SAFETY TEAM<sup>20</sup>

*Members listed here may be removed from the "additional emergency numbers" table*

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REQUIRED MEMBERS	NAME	TITLE	OFFICE PHONE
School Board	Chimera, Matthew	Board Member (Board President)	716-874-8400
Teacher	Benfanti, Amy	Hoover Elem., Grade 3 Teacher	716-874-8414 ext. 24211
	Schultz, Jennifer	Kenmore East/ Math Teacher	716-874-8402
	Becker, John	Special Education Teacher/ Franklin Elementary	716-479-8310 ext. 26121
	Tocke, Janine	Kenmore East/ Special Education Teacher	716-874-8402 ext. 22316
Administrator	Ferraraccio, Dina	Director of School Culture	716-874-8400 ext. 20450
	Morasco, Nicole	Assistant Superintendent for Finance	716-874-8400 ext. 20308
	Cappuccio, Kayla	Assistant Principal/ Kenmore West	716-874-8401 ext 21509
	Brown, Trevor	Principal/ Kenmore East	716-874-8401 ext. 21162
	Siddall, Shawn	Principal, Edison El.	716-874-8416
	Kevin Kruger	Principal/ Kenmore Junior Senior High School	(716) 874-8403 ext. 32326
	Wagner, Laura	Assistant Principal/ Franklin Middle	716- 874-8404 x25509
	Cooper, Maria	Assistant Principal/Hoover Elementary	716-874-8414 ext 24505
	Radley, Kelly	Assistant Principal/Franklin Elementary	716-874-8415 ext. 26503
Parent Organization	Fox, Katie	Parent Representative	
School Safety Personnel	Christiano, Vince	Kenmore East - SRO	716-874-8402
	Hudson, Matthew	Kenmore West-SRO	716-874-8401 ext 21506
Bus Driver	Buyea, Scott	Bus Driver	(716) 874-8611

Bus Monitor	Hanson, Carol	Bus Monitor	(716) 874-8611
<b>Other School Personnel (below)</b>			
	Violino, Graham	Director of Transportation	716-871-3087 or ext 30087
	Ames, Timothy	Director of Facilities	716-874-8400 ext. 20341
	Bergman, Lindsey	Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics	(716) 871-3082
	Fleming, Heather	Director of Technology	716-874-8400 ext 20305
	Carruthers, Brett	NYSIR Risk Mgt.	716-870-8516
	Englert, Christine	Lindbergh Elem./ Teacher Aide	716-874-8410 ext. 27510
	Kasprowicz, David	Senior Safety Analyst/Erie 1 BOCES	716-821-7441
	Andriaccio, Dean	Head Custodian/Kenmore West	716-812-2300 716-874-8401 ext. 21580
	Pritchard, Karen	Edison Elem., Chair Bldg. Safety Com., Gr. 2 Tchr.	716-874-8416 ext. 28113
	Roll, Kim	Director of Food Services	716-874-8400 ext. 20331
	Celotto, David	Assistant Director of Facilities	716-874-8400 ext. 20341
	Martin, Josh	Computer Technician	716-874-8400 ext. 20403
	Smith, Dave	Holmes Elementary T.A.	716 874-8423 ext 212
	Taber, Amanda	Det. Lt. TTPD	716-879-6651

## CONCEPTS OF OPERATION

1. The District-wide School Safety and Emergency Management Plan will be directly linked to individual Building-level Emergency Response Plans for each school. Protocols developed in the District-wide

School Safety and Emergency Management Plan will guide the development and implementation of Building-level Emergency Response Plans.

2. All District building plans have been standardized to the extent possible so that leadership decisions are consistent and leaders may be interchangeable as necessary. The training and expectations set at the district level are applicable to all building team members.
3. In the event of an emergency or violent incident, the initial response at an individual school will be by the Building Emergency Response Team.
4. Upon the activation of the School Emergency Response Team, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee will be notified and, where appropriate, local emergency officials will also be notified.
5. Once the Superintendent and/or their designee are notified, the District Emergency Response Team may be mobilized to respond, and when appropriate, local emergency officials will be notified. All will follow the emergency management protocols and practices outlined in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and will practice Incident Command System (ICS) techniques to better manage these events.
6. Efforts may be supplemented by county and state resources through existing protocols.
7. Local emergency officials play an important role in managing response actions in emergency situations. Assistance from these officials is obtained by:
  - 1) Asking for their input in the planning process. If possible, include them as a member of the district-wide and building teams.
  - 2) Include them in the training of staff and students.
  - 3) Use their expertise and experience in the conduct of all drills, including tabletop exercises.
  - 4) Discussing all resources available if Article 2-B is invoked.

#### PLAN REVIEW & PUBLIC COMMENT

1. The District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan shall be monitored and maintained by the District Safety Team. The District Safety Team shall review the plan annually before making it available for a 30-day comment period, a public hearing, and, finally, adoption by the Board of Education before September 1st of each year.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> 155.17(a) Every board of education of a school district, every board of cooperative educational services and county vocational education and extension board and the chancellor of the City School District of the City of New York shall adopt by July 1, 2001, and shall update by July 1st for the 2002-2003 through the 2015-2016 school years and by September 1st for the 2016-2017 school year and each subsequent September 1st thereafter.

2. On June 23, 2022, Governor Hochul signed Alyssa’s Law, Chapter 227 of the Laws of 2022 (Chapter 227) which became effective immediately. Chapter 227 amends Education Law § 2801-a to require that district-wide school safety teams of public schools, boards of cooperative educational services, and county vocational education extension boards consider the usefulness of silent panic alarm systems when reviewing and amending district-wide safety plans. The district does not have panic systems installed but will consider adding this system in the future.<sup>22</sup>
3. Building-level Emergency Response Plans shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure under Article 6 of the Public Officers Law or any other provision of law in accordance with Education Law Section 2801-a.
4. Full copies of the District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan and any amendments will be submitted to the New York State Education Department within 30 days of adoption and no later than October 1st each year.
5. The Board of Education must formally adopt the District-wide Plan pursuant to Commissioner’s Regulation, Section 155.17(c)(3).<sup>23</sup> This plan will be made available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption.
6. Building-level Emergency Response Plans will be supplied to the New York State Police, County Police and all local police and fire departments covering the District, by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year or within 30 days of adoption.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> 2081-a(2)(f) District-wide school safety teams shall consider, as part of its reviews of the comprehensive district-wide safety plan, the installation of a panic alarm system. For purposes of this paragraph, "panic alarm system" shall mean a silent security system signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-threatening or emergency situation requiring a response from local law enforcement or, in the case of a school building located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police department, a location designated by the superintendent of state police and may include one or more of the following: wired panic button or buttons, wireless panic button or buttons or a mobile or computer application; The New York State Register, December 2022, <https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/12/122822.pdf> (page 12)

<sup>23</sup> 155.17(c)(3) Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body shall make each district-wide safety plan available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption. Such district-wide plans may be adopted by the school board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested parties. Each district shall file a copy of its district-wide safety plan with the commissioner and all amendments to such plan shall be filed with the commissioner no later than 30 days after their adoption.

<sup>24</sup>155.17 (c)(3)(ii) Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body or officer shall ensure that each building-level emergency response plan and any amendments thereto, is submitted to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the State Police within 30 days of its adoption, but no later than October 15th for the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years and for the 2020-2021 school year and thereafter, such building-level emergency response plans must be submitted no later than October 1, 2020, and each subsequent October 1st thereafter. Building-level emergency response plans shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under article six of the Public Officers Law or any other provision of law

## SECTION II RISK REDUCTION/PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

### PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES<sup>25</sup>

The District utilizes a variety of intervention strategies to reduce risk and prevent critical incidents.

1. The District utilizes trained multidisciplinary Threat Assessment Teams (*a.k.a. Behavioral Assessment Teams*) at each building to evaluate threats and implement the appropriate mitigation strategies. The District provides support and record keeping for the activities of each team.
2. The District has established a [building-level or district-level] multidisciplinary Behavioral Assessment Team which assesses whether certain exhibited behaviors or actions need intervention or other support. The Behavioral Assessment Team convenes annually to conduct staff training sessions on the safety and emergency procedures of such team<sup>26</sup>
3. The District utilizes a multidisciplinary Behavioral Threat Assessment Team provided by [AGENCY] that assesses whether certain exhibited behaviors or actions need intervention or other support. The Behavioral Threat Assessment Team is available to the district whenever a threat is identified and requires evaluation.
4. The District Safety Team engages in table top exercises to discuss their roles during an emergency and their responses to a sample emergency situation.<sup>27</sup>
5. Any utilized school safety officers and other security personnel are trained annually with the assistance of one or more of the following collaborative relationships:
  - Emergency Responders
  - Regional BOCES
  - District Consultants
  - The NYS Office of Emergency Management
6. Training for school staff working in an incident control capacity may include:
  - a. Individual and group de-escalation techniques
  - b. Tier 1 and Tier 2 Restorative practices
  - c. Trauma Informed Practices

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<sup>25</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(iii) appropriate prevention and intervention strategies, such as:(a) collaborative arrangements with State and local law enforcement officials, designed to ensure that school safety officers and other security personnel are adequately trained, including being trained to de-escalate potentially violent situations, and are effectively and fairly recruited;(b) nonviolent conflict resolution training programs;(c) peer mediation programs and youth courts; and(d) extended day and other school safety programs

<sup>26</sup>155.7(4)(1)(iii)(b) the establishment or participation of school or district staff in a multidisciplinary behavioral assessment team to assess whether certain exhibited behaviors or actions need intervention or other support, including a school or district level behavioral assessment team or, if available, a county or regional threat assessment team. Where utilized, the district-wide school safety plan shall provide a description of the school, district, or county team and its purpose. Annual staff training on safety and emergency procedures shall include information regarding the purpose and procedures of such team.

<sup>27</sup>155.15(4)(1)(xiv)(2) Tabletop exercises may be utilized by school and district safety teams as a training resource and may include a discussion-based activity for staff in an informal classroom or meeting-type setting to discuss their roles during an emergency and their responses to a sample emergency situation.

- d. Positive Behaviors in Schools (PBIS)
  - e. Foundations (Safe and Civil Schools)
  - f. Mental Health First Aid
7. The District may provide the aforementioned training annually and is continuously working to build the capacity of its staff in proactive strategies to increase safety in buildings.
  8. Training may be available during staff development sessions, on conference days and via on-demand web-based training modules.
  9. Procedures relating to building security including utilization of staff and security equipment are as follows:<sup>28</sup>
    1. All authorized staff members are expected to carry their classroom/office keys/swipe cards at all times.
    2. All staff members are expected to wear District-issued photo identification badges.
    3. After the designated start time of the school day, each school will be appropriately secured.
    4. All visitors must report to each building's designated single point of entry and sign in before proceeding further into the building.
    5. All contractors assigned to work in any building must first be authorized by the Facilities Department to receive an identification badge, which must be visible at all times when workers are on school property. All deliverables and delivery personnel must first be authorized by the Facilities Department, prior to delivery. An exception for regular food service deliveries may be made after the vendor has been authorized for the school year.
    6. The District has executed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with Security Providers as required by NYS Regulation<sup>29</sup>.
    7. Extended day and other school safety programs - The district school buildings and facilities provide a valuable resource to our students and community after the conclusion of the school day. The following are strategies are utilized during after-school hours:
      1. To the degree possible, access to areas of the school building is limited to only those needed for activities.
      2. Some buildings may use a modified point of entry.

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<sup>28</sup> 155.17(b)(1)(xi) policies and procedures relating to school building security, including, where appropriate, the use of school safety officers and/or security devices or procedures;

<sup>29</sup> 2801-a A school district or charter school that employs, contracts with, or otherwise retains law enforcement or public or private security personnel, including school resource officers, shall establish a written contract or memorandum of understanding that is developed with stakeholder input, including, but not limited to, parents, students, school administrators, teachers, collective bargaining units, parent and student organizations and community members, as well as probation officers, prosecutors, defense counsels and courts that are familiar with school discipline. Such written contract or memorandum of understanding shall define the relationship between a school district or charter school, school personnel, students, visitors, law enforcement, and public or private security personnel. Such contract or memorandum of understanding shall be consistent with the code of conduct, define law enforcement or security personnel's roles, responsibilities and involvement within a school and clearly delegate the role of school discipline to the school administration. Such written contract or memorandum of understanding shall be incorporated into and published as part of the district safety plan.

The District continually investigates other security measures and conducts staff development training to ensure schools are as safe as possible. Security measures include:

- a. Security personnel
- b. Surveillance cameras
- c. Door-lock (buzzer) entry systems
- d. Portable Radios
- e. Alarm Systems
- f. Keypad or swipe entry systems
- g. Single or limited points of entry
- h. Visitor Management System

### IMPROVING COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

Each of the schools within the district provides a wealth of school safety-related initiatives aimed at improving communication among students, between students and staff, and between administration and parents or persons in parental relation.<sup>30</sup> These programs may include the establishment of youth-run programs, creating a forum or designating a mentor for students, peer mediation, bullying prevention, conflict resolution, social skills development, managing emotions and components of character education. Students are involved in a wide variety of safety activities through both their classes as well as through work with school counselors, social workers, and school psychologists. By October 1st of each school year, the superintendent and chief school administrator have provided written information to all students and staff about emergency procedures.<sup>31</sup>

Each building has established a mechanism for the anonymous reporting of school violence and harassment and has communicated this to students and parents through the district website Safe School Helpline.<sup>32</sup>

The school district's Code of Conduct is accessible to parents and students and reviewed with all students in the beginning of the school year. During the review with students, bullying, discrimination, harassment and violations of the Code of Conduct, along with consequences are discussed.

All staff members are trained in recognizing and effectively dealing with these behaviors, as outlined in the Code of Conduct.

In addition, each school has a wide range of programs and supports that impact school safety. These may include offering a variety of clubs, classroom lessons, small group lessons and/or individual counseling sessions, school-wide meetings, morning meetings in classrooms, assemblies, mindfulness rooms, yoga and movement breaks, and a variety of wellness opportunities.

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<sup>30</sup>155.17(4)(3)(xvi) strategies for improving communication among students, [and] between students and staff and between administration and parents or persons in parental relation regarding reporting of potentially violent incidents, such as the establishment of youth-run programs, peer mediation, conflict resolution, creating a forum or designating a mentor for students concerned with bullying or violence and establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms for school violence;

<sup>31</sup>155.17(g) By October 1 of each school year, the superintendent and chief school administrator have provided written information to all students and staff about emergency procedures.

<sup>32</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xvi) strategies for improving communication among students and between students and staff and reporting of potentially violent incidents, such as the establishment of youth- run programs, peer mediation, conflict resolution, creating a forum or designating a mentor for students concerned with bullying or violence and establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms for school violence;

## REPORTING THREATS OR ACTS OF VIOLENCE

Students, staff, parents and others are informed annually about the importance of reporting threats or acts of violence and the procedures of reporting.

The District has developed a system for reporting threats and actual acts of violence. The procedure for reporting is as follows:

- Students are instructed to report threats and acts of violence to staff members.
- Each school has designated a reporting process, which can be done anonymously.
- Staff members are required to report all student referrals to the administration for investigation.
- Staff training programs meet S.A.V.E. requirements. Instruction on issues of school safety is provided to all employees each year.

## TRAINING, DRILLS AND EXERCISES

### Drills and Exercises:<sup>33</sup>

Drills conducted during the school day with students present shall be conducted in a trauma-informed<sup>34</sup>, developmentally, and age-appropriate manner and shall not include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency.<sup>35</sup> The New York State Fire Code requires that the fire alarm be used in an evacuation drill, and it is not considered a prop.

At the time that drills are conducted, students and staff shall be informed that the activities being conducted are a drill. Provided, however, that students and staff shall not be informed in advance of evacuation drills.<sup>36</sup>

The District will conduct emergency management drills and exercises annually including, but not limited to:

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<sup>33</sup>155.17(c)(1)(xiv) procedures for review and the conduct of drills, [and other exercises to test components of the emergency response plan, including the use of] tabletop exercises, and information about emergency procedures and drills, including information about procedures and timeframes for notification of parents or persons in parental relation regarding drills and other emergency response training(s) that include students. At their discretion, schools and districts may participate in full-scale exercises in coordination with local and county emergency responders and preparedness officials

<sup>34</sup> 155.17(b)(20-22) Trauma means an emotional response to a deeply distressing or disturbing experience such as, but not limited to, an act of violence, natural disaster, abuse, neglect, or loss. Trauma-informed means an understanding of trauma and how it affects the physical, emotional, and mental health of students and adults. Trauma-informed drills means avoiding tactics in training or drills that may introduce or activate trauma, such as the use of props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting, incident of violence, or other emergency, or inclusion of developmentally or age-inappropriate content. Drills may inadvertently prompt a negative emotional or psychological response in staff or students because of previous exposure(s) to trauma.

<sup>35</sup> 155.17(4)(xiv)(1) Drills conducted during the school day with students present shall be conducted in a trauma-informed, developmentally, and age-appropriate manner and shall not include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency.

<sup>36</sup> At the time that drills are conducted, students and staff shall be informed that the activities being conducted are a drill. Provided, however, that students and staff shall not be informed in advance of evacuation drills.



**EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS.**<sup>37</sup> Evacuation and lockdown drills will be conducted during school days in each school within the District with staff and students twelve (12) times annually (September – June). The first eight (8) drills are conducted prior to December 31st of each school year. Six (6) of all such drills shall be evacuation drills. Four (4) of all such required drills shall be lockdown drills with two (2) of these drills being held between September 1st and December 31st. Prior to the first annual drill, staff shall review emergency response procedures and drill requirements with students during class time. Students are also provided the opportunity to ask questions on any procedure that they are not clear on. The appropriate Fire Department may, upon mutual agreement with the District, participate in some or all of the drills and offer feedback regarding effective building evacuation in the event of a fire. Four of the required drills must be through use of the fire escapes on buildings *where fire escapes are present* or through the use of identified secondary means of egress.<sup>38</sup> The appropriate Police Department may, upon mutual agreement with the District, participate in some or all of the lockdowns drills and offer feedback regarding the effectiveness of these drills. Drills shall be conducted on different dates as well as days of the week and times of day with at least one of the eight required evacuation drills occurring during a mass gathering event such as lunch or assemblies. Instruction in drill procedures, including during lunch periods and assemblies, is conducted annually by staff.<sup>39</sup> At least two additional drills must be held during summer school in buildings where summer school is conducted, one must be held during the first week of summer school.<sup>40</sup> Unplanned evacuations or false alarms do not count as a required drill. Evacuations made necessary by the unplanned activation of the fire alarm system or by any other emergency shall not be substituted for a required evacuation drill.<sup>41</sup>

Prior to the commencement of each school year, the Building-Level Emergency Response Planning Team shall conduct an inventory of any special needs students. Appropriate accommodations for the school year will be incorporated into each Building-Level Emergency Response Plan.

**EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL**<sup>42</sup>: The District will conduct an Early Dismissal drill annually wherein students are dismissed no more than 15 minutes before the normal dismissal time. Parents will be notified of these drills at least one week prior. Transportation Officials and District staff may also take place in conducting and evaluation of this drill. This drill also allows the District to test the usefulness of the communications and transportation system during emergencies.<sup>43</sup>

**SHELTER-IN-PLACE AND/OR LOCKOUT DRILLS**: While not required, each school in the District may conduct Shelter-in-Place and/or Lockout drills in addition to those drills required by New York State

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<sup>37</sup>EL §807.1 eight evacuation drills and four lock-down drills each year, eight of the required drills must be completed by December 31 each school year

<sup>38</sup> EL §807.1 four of the required drills must be through use of the fire escapes on buildings where fire escapes are provided or through the use of identified secondary means of egress

<sup>39</sup> EL §807.1 Pupils shall be instructed in the procedure to be followed in the event that a fire occurs during the lunch period or assembly

<sup>40</sup> EL §807.1-a at least two additional drills must be held during summer school in buildings where summer school is conducted, one must be held during the first week of summer school.

<sup>41</sup> 401.7 [New York State Fire code](#) (pg 59)

<sup>42</sup> 155.17(h) Fire and emergency drills. Each school district and board of cooperative educational services shall, at least once every school year, and where possible in cooperation with local county emergency preparedness plan officials, conduct one test of its emergency response procedures under each of its building-level emergency response plans, including sheltering, lock-down, or early dismissal, at a time not to occur more than 15 minutes earlier than the normal dismissal time.

<sup>43</sup> 155.17(h)(2) Such drills shall test the usefulness of the communications and transportation system during emergencies.

regulation. The appropriate Police Department may, upon mutual agreement with the District, participate in some or all of the drills and offer feedback regarding the effectiveness of these drills.

In addition to post-drill debriefings conducted by each building-level emergency response planning team, each building will complete a drill evaluation form that will be submitted to the district-wide safety team for periodic review, which includes observations from the drill as well as any additional feedback obtained from building personnel. Changes to procedures are made as needed. The district-wide safety team should evaluate communications and transportation systems during emergencies.<sup>44</sup>

Each Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team and representatives of the District administration engage in tabletop exercises facilitated by the district's emergency management consultant. Emergency response agencies are encouraged to participate in these exercises. The district may opt to conduct functional exercises with emergency response agencies to involve staff, students and parents in realistic drills. Exercises that include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency may not be conducted on a regular school day and when school activities such as athletics are occurring on school grounds. Such exercises may not include students without written consent from parents or persons in parental relation.<sup>45</sup> Procedures for obtaining written consent for students to participate in full-scale exercises from parents or persons in parental relation will include:<sup>46</sup>

**1. Distribution of Consent Forms:**

- Consent forms will be distributed to parents through the following methods:
  - **Mail:** Consent forms will be sent to parents' home addresses.
  - **Home with Students:** Students will bring consent forms home in their backpacks.
  - **Email:** Electronic consent forms will be sent to parents' registered email addresses.
  - **School Newsletter:** A detachable consent form will be included in the monthly school newsletter.
  - **Parent Portal:** Consent forms will be available on the school's parent portal.

**2. Content of Consent Forms:**

- The consent form will include:
  - A detailed description of the full-scale exercise, including date, time, and activities involved.
  - Potential risks and safety measures in place.
  - Instructions for completing and returning the form.

**3. Return of Consent Forms:**

- Parents can return signed consent forms through the following methods:

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<sup>44</sup> 155.17(h)(2) Such drills shall test the usefulness of the communications and transportation system during emergencies.

<sup>45</sup> 155.17(4)(xiv)(3) Schools and districts that opt to participate in full-scale exercises in conjunction with local and county emergency responders and preparedness officials that include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency shall not conduct such exercises on a regular school day or when school activities such as athletics are occurring on school grounds. Such exercises may not include students without written consent from parents or persons in parental relation.

<sup>46</sup> procedures for review and the conduct of drills, tabletop exercises, and information about emergency procedures and drills, including information about procedures and timeframes for notification of parents or persons in parental relation regarding drills and other emergency response training(s) that include students.

- **Mail:** Forms can be mailed back to the school.
  - **Home with Students:** Students can return forms to their homeroom teachers.
  - **Email:** Scanned copies of signed forms can be emailed to the designated school email address.
  - **Parent Portal:** Digital consent forms can be submitted through the parent portal.
4. **Follow-Up and Reminders:**
- The school will send reminders via email, text messages, and phone calls to ensure that all parents submit the consent forms in a timely manner.
5. **Record Keeping:**
- The school will maintain a digital record of all returned consent forms. This record will be securely stored and accessible to authorized school personnel.

The school board will ensure that information about drills be provided in the teacher’s manual or handbook.<sup>47</sup>

Parents or persons in parental relation must be given advance notice of each drill being conducted within one week prior to the drill.<sup>48</sup> Procedures for notifying parents or persons in parental relation will include:

1. **Official Letter or Email**
  - Timing: **Within one week** before the drill.
  - Include the following information:
    - General time frame of the drill
      - (e.g., Sometime the week of [month/date], [school name] will have a [drill type] drill
    - Type of drill (e.g., fire drill, lockdown drill)
    - Purpose of the drill
    - Importance of the drill for student safety
    - Contact information for questions or concerns
2. **Automated Phone Calls and Text Messages**
  - Timing: **Within one week** before the drill.
  - Use the school’s automated messaging system to send a notification.
  - Include the following information:
    - General time frame of the drill
      - a. (e.g., Sometime the week of [month/date], [school name] will have a [drill type] drill
    - Type of drill (e.g., fire drill, lockdown drill)
    - Purpose of the drill
    - Importance of the drill for student safety
    - Contact information for questions or concerns
3. **Printed Notices**
  - Timing: **Within one week** before the drill.
  - General time frame of the drill

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<sup>47</sup>EL §807.2 the school board will ensure that information about drills be provided in the teacher’s manual or handbook.

<sup>48</sup> (d) parents or persons in parental relations shall be given advance notice of each drill being conducted within one week preceding any such drill.

- (e.g., Sometime the week of [month/date], [school name] will have a [drill type] drill
  - Send printed notices home with students.
  - Include the following information:
    - General timeframe of the drill
    - Type of drill (e.g., fire drill, lockdown drill)
    - Purpose of the drill
    - Importance of the drill for student safety
    - Contact information for questions or concerns

#### 4. Post-Drill Follow-Up

- Timing: Immediately after the drill.
- Send a follow-up letter or email to parents/guardians summarizing the drill, what went well, and any areas for improvement.
- Reassure parents that the drill was conducted safely and effectively.

At the time that drills are conducted, students and staff shall be informed that the activities being conducted are a drill. Provided, however, that students and staff shall **not be informed in advance of evacuation drills.**<sup>49</sup>

A summary of drill procedures are detailed in each of the Building-Level Emergency Response Plans.

#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING:

All general staff will receive training on district-wide procedures as well as specific procedures contained within their respective building-level emergency response plan. This training shall occur prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> of each school year or within 30 days of joining the District. This training will be conducted at a staff development day in August, online or a combination of both.<sup>50</sup>

The District will provide advanced training for each Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team (BERT) and District-wide Safety Team annually. The training will include practices and procedures to educate, evaluate, update and review all Emergency management protocols and procedures the teams perform including, but not limited to Lockdown, Lockout, Evacuation, Shelter-In-Place, Hold-in-Place and Early Dismissal. The District may involve local emergency responders to participate in this training.

Additional training includes but is not limited to:

- Individual and group de-escalation techniques
- Tier 1 and Tier 2 Restorative practices
- Trauma Informed Practices
- Positive Behaviors in Schools (PBIS)
- Foundations (Safe and Civil Schools)

<sup>49</sup> At the time that drills are conducted, students and staff shall be informed that the activities being conducted are a drill. Provided, however, that students and staff shall not be informed in advance of evacuation drills.

<sup>50</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xiii) policies and procedures for annual multi-hazard school safety training for staff and students, provided that the district must certify to the commissioner that all staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 and each subsequent September 15th thereafter on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner;

- Non-violent conflict resolution skills
- Mental Health First Aid
- Student School Emergency Response Procedures Training

#### DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES, HIRING AND SCREENING PROCESS, REQUIRED TRAINING OF HALL MONITORS AND OTHER SCHOOL SAFETY PERSONNEL

The process of establishing the duties for hall monitors and security aides shall rely on past practice, or be completed by civil service with consultation of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District, or shall be determined by the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District pursuant to applicable Federal, State, County and Municipal guidance. (Example found in appendix 8)

The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District is an equal opportunity employer. The Civil Rights Act 1964 prohibits discrimination in employment because of race, sex or national origin. Public Law 90-202 prohibits discrimination because of age. Section 504 of the rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap.

The process of hiring hall monitors and security aides will follow applicable Federal, State, County and Municipal laws & Guidelines. The qualifications for such positions will be established by civil service when applicable or by the Board of Education. On or after July 1st, 2001, all newly hired school personnel will be required to submit two sets of fingerprints for the purpose of background checks, consistent with the S.A.V.E. Legislation of 2000.

#### PROACTIVE BUILDING SECURITY MEASURES

1. The district buildings use limited points of entry. All doors are locked. Signs are in place directing visitors to sign-in at the reception desk at each school. Main doors are controlled by remote “buzzer” entry during normal school hours.
2. All schools have greeters or office staff members just inside the entrance to each school in the District. These individuals ensure visitor sign-in procedures and help supervise building traffic flow. The building principals are responsible for supervision of the greeters and other staff.
3. Staff members are recommended to wear visible identification badges.
4. Visitors are required to sign in and wear visitor identification through a visitor management system.
5. Visitor access is limited to specific areas of the school building.

## VITAL EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION<sup>51</sup>

Information on each building's student and staff, transportation needs, and the telephone numbers of key officials are outlined in each Building-level Emergency Response Plan. The purpose of including such information in the Building-level plan is to ensure coordination or coverage in the event of a serious incident.

## EARLY DETECTION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR<sup>52</sup>

This section contains the District policy and procedure for disseminating information regarding early detection of potentially dangerous behavior.

1. A "plain language" summary of the District's Code of Conduct is provided to all students in the District at the start of every school year to ensure that all students understand acceptable behavior in the school setting. The Code of Conduct delineates, among other behavior, lack of tolerance for harassment, discrimination, bullying and violence.
2. A "plain language" summary of the District's Code of Conduct is mailed or emailed to all parents/guardians of students in the District at the start of each school year, and is disseminated at the time of registration thereafter.
3. All new employees will be provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct at the time of hire. All teachers and other staff members will be provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct annually.
4. Efforts are made on the building level in each of the District's schools to identify, prevent, and resolve potentially dangerous behavior at the earliest possible stage. Teams meet regularly in each building in order to work with classroom staff in identifying and preventing potentially dangerous behavior. School counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, nurses, outside agencies (when appropriate), administrators, teachers, bus drivers and monitors, parents/guardians and students may be involved in this process.
5. District students at all grade levels participate in instruction guided by evidence-based violence prevention/intervention programs. Elements of these programs support students in identifying potentially violent or problematic situations with peers and in developing strategies to address these such as reporting to an adult.
6. Secondary health curricula incorporate information regarding emotional health, the impact of drugs and alcohol on an individual's behavior, and on responsible decision-making.

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<sup>51</sup> 155.17(h)(i) Except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the chief executive officer of each educational agency located within a public school district shall provide to the superintendent of schools information about school population, number of staff, transportation needs and the business and home telephone numbers of key officials of such educational agencies.

<sup>52</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xii) policies and procedures for the dissemination of informative materials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors, including but not limited to the identification of family, community, and environmental factors to teachers, administrators, school personnel including bus drivers and monitors, parents [and] or other persons in parental relation to students of the school district or board, students and other persons deemed appropriate to receive such information;

7. Each of the District’s school psychologists/social workers may facilitate counseling groups for identified students around issues related to poor social skills development, managing emotions, and good decision-making.
8. Certified and noncertified staff members working with students who have been identified by the Committee on Special Education as being at-risk for engaging in violent behaviors receive annual training in crisis prevention and intervention.
9. The District may work in collaboration with building-level and District-wide PTAs to offer parents/guardians information regarding early-warning signs of potentially dangerous and/or violent behavior, as well as a forum to discuss specific parental concerns.

#### Police Agencies

The District buildings fall within the jurisdiction of the following police departments:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Town of Tonawanda Police Department	716-876-5300
Kenmore Police Department	716-875-1234
Erie County Sheriff's Office	716-858-7618
New York State Police Buffalo	716-935-6570

#### HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

##### Identification of Potentially Dangerous or Hazardous Sites:

Each school will identify and locate areas of potential emergencies in and around its building. The Director of Facilities and building custodians will locate these sites.

1. These sites are to include electrical, gas, heating, ventilation, water supply and sewage systems locations and shut-off valves. Local fire department personnel have and will continue to participate in these efforts.
2. These sites of potential emergencies will be listed in each Building-level Emergency Response Plan supplied to police, fire, emergency management services, and District personnel.
3. Potentially dangerous sites indicated below that are contained within school property and under the jurisdiction of the school district, will be checked regularly and inspected by building safety personnel on a regular schedule, at least annually. They include but are not limited to:
  - Electrical panels/shut-offs
  - Gas lines/shut-off
  - Gas appliances
  - Heating plant

- Sewage system
- Structural failure
- HVAC
- Water supply/shut-off
- Chemical storage and cleaning supplies
- Paper supply storage
- Industrial arts room
- Science rooms and labs
- Isolated areas near the school
- Nearby aqueduct, streams, ponds, rivers (flooding)
- Steep areas near school
- Unprotected exterior gas/electric, air conditioning supplies or equipment
- Playground equipment
- Welding/hot work area
- Indoor vehicle transportation areas
- Compressed gas storage areas
- Paint spray booths
- Areas of student congregation
- Student/teacher/administrator conference area
- Swimming pool filter area
- Athletic fields
- Playground areas

**Off-Site**

- Major highways (chemical transport)
- Airport (flight path)
- Railroad
- Certain industrial sites (refineries, etc.)
- Creeks



#### PRIVATE SECURITY AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

This plan includes contracts or memoranda of understanding that define the relationship between the district, personnel, students, visitors, law enforcement, and public or private security personnel. These contracts or memoranda are consistent with the Code of Conduct, and define the roles, responsibilities, and involvement in the schools of law enforcement or security personnel. The role of school discipline is delegated to school administration.

#### SECURITY ALLOCATIONS

- A. At the elementary and middle school level, there is a single point of entry for visitors at each building and visitors to the school must be buzzed into the building, sign in and receive an identification badge issued by a school monitor. Staff in the building wear district-produced identification badges. Staff are trained to report to the main office any person they observe who is not wearing a visitor's badge.
- B. At the high school level, there is a single point of entry for visitors, which is staffed during normal school hours by one of several staff members or safety personnel assigned to the High School. Visitors to the school must be buzzed into the building, sign in and receive an identification badge issued by a school monitor. Staff in the building wear district-produced identification badges. In addition, safety personnel are assigned to areas throughout the building. Staff are trained to report to the main office any person they observe who is not wearing a visitor's badge.

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<sup>53</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xvii) a description of the duties of hall monitors and any other school safety personnel, the training required of all personnel acting in a school security capacity, and the hiring and screening process for all personnel acting in a school security capacity;

## Hiring

The interviewing and hiring of safety personnel follows the district's practices for hiring of new staff. All new staff employed by the District must be fingerprinted in order to be employed.

## Duties and Training

### School Monitors

- contracted personnel at each elementary and middle and high schools
- buildings are staffed during regular school hours
- primarily responsible for enforcement of the visitor protocols at a single point of entry.
- deter and report unlawful activity
- provide escorts for parents and students when needed

### Security Aides

- staffed during regular school hours at the high school as well as for special events in the evening and on weekends
- actively monitor the building and support the staff with student safety and traffic
- provide student supervision
- check that school procedures are being adhered to
- guide the arrival and dismissal processes
- enforce our visitor policy as well as actively monitor the building and support the staff with student safety and traffic
- deter and report unlawful activity
- members of building level emergency response teams

### Required training includes:

- School violence prevention and intervention training
- Site-specific training including review of all manuals (e.g., school district policies, Code of Conduct, District-wide School Safety Plan, School Handbook, etc).
- Right-to-know training
- Blood borne pathogen training
- Sexual harassment training

## SECTION III    RESPONSE

### NOTIFICATION AND ACTIVATION - INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

#### Internal

After receiving the information from the Incident Commander at the scene, an email will be sent from the Superintendent's office to all administrators and administrative offices alerting them to the nature and status of any incident in the District. The mass communication system may be used to provide information as deemed appropriate by the Incident Commander. Portable radios will also be used when possible.

#### External

Anyone with knowledge of an emergency event is encouraged to immediately call 911.

The District's mass communication system will be used to provide information to parents/guardians and emergency contacts. The District website may also be used to provide updated information throughout an incident as deemed appropriate by the Incident Commander. Schools may also use their websites, groups, and hotlines for announcements or updates as directed by the Incident Commander.

When an emergency requires notification of parents and students, the Superintendent or his designee will provide updated information to parents and students through the emergency notification system. Additional information may also be found on the District's website: <https://www.ktufsd.org/>

During an emergency, all contact with the media will be handled either by the Superintendent or their designee. The media and public will be informed and updated as soon as practicable on all developments in statements released by the Superintendent or their designee. Students, staff and parents should refer all questions and requests for information to the Superintendent in order to assure the release of factual and current information. The Superintendent may refer such requests to the Public Information Officer for response.

By definition, emergency events are unforeseen and unpredictable. The safety of students and staff is the primary focus of all activities surrounding an emergency event. Every effort will be made to contact parents and the general public once the situation has stabilized.

### SITUATIONAL RESPONSES

#### MULTI-HAZARD RESPONSE

In the event of an emergency, a Command Center will be set up at a safe location in collaboration with emergency responders. Each building has specific plans for dealing with a wide range of hazards.

Specific response procedures are sensitive in nature and therefore are contained within each confidential building-level emergency response plan.

In each emergency, the building’s administrator will contact the District office for assistance. The District office will provide support as appropriate and deemed necessary by the Incident Commander on the scene (i.e. sending additional mental health resources). The Superintendent or their designee will be the sole contact person for releasing information to the media and for communicating the status of the emergency with other District schools, out-of-district schools, private schools, and outside agencies.<sup>54</sup>

## RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

Written information on emergency response procedures is disseminated to parents, age-appropriate students and staff via email by October 1st annually. This non-sensitive information may also be found on the district website.

## EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Superintendent is empowered to close the district schools, delay the opening, or to dismiss students early in the event of hazardous conditions, including weather, which threaten the safety of students.

In making the decision to close schools, either the Superintendent or his/her designee shall consider many factors, including the following:

- 1) The availability of parent(s)/guardian(s) to receive the student at home in the event schools should be dismissed early.
- 2) The health and safety of students remaining in a school environment.
- 3) Weather conditions, both existing and predicted.
- 4) Driving and traffic conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities.
- 5) Continuance or discontinuance of the operations of business, commercial and professional people in the area.

Facts will be assembled from the appropriate agencies and organizations before any decisions are made. For example, the Highway Department, Police Department, Weather Bureau, transportation companies and other governmental agencies, as needed, will be called.

Following the decision, communications will begin for the total notification of the students and staff. Either the superintendent or his/her designee shall notify the public media. Employees should listen to broadcasts beginning at 6:00 o’clock a.m. Any employee who is doubtful about reporting should contact his/her immediate supervisor.

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<sup>54</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xviii) in the case of a school district, except in a school district in a city having more than one million inhabitants, a system for informing all educational agencies within such school district of a disaster;

## DELAYED SCHOOL PLAN

When it appears likely that weather and/or street conditions will improve later in the morning, a “delayed school opening” announcement may be made to the public. Employees shall make an effort to report to their assignment at the regular starting time.

“A” Schedule (One-hour delay in all school starting times):

All schools will begin one hour later than normal starting times and dismiss at regular time.

“B” Schedule (Two-hour delay in all school starting times):

All schools will begin two hours later than normal starting times and dismiss at regular time.

## SCHOOL CANCELLATION

- The Superintendent or their designee will monitor any situation that may warrant a school cancellation and will make the determination to do so.
- The Public Information Officer will activate use of the District’s mass communication system.
- The Public Information Officer will contact local media, post the information on the website and social media sites utilized by the District.

## EARLY DISMISSAL

- The Superintendent or their designee will monitor any situation that may warrant an early dismissal and will make the determination to do so.
- The Operations Chief will designate people to arrange transportation for students.
- The Public Information Officer will activate use of the District’s mass communication system.
- The Public Information Officer will contact local media, post the information on the website and social media sites utilized by the District.
- The Liaison Officer will notify each of the building principals.
- The media will be called and the public will be informed of the decision.
- Schools will be dismissed with dismissal time arranged to parallel the arrival of buses. No staff member may leave his/her assignment until all students have left the building (unless authorized to do so by the principal).
- Elementary students can be released to the custody of their parent/guardian or another designated adult.

## EVACUATION

- The Superintendent or their designee will determine the level of the threat.
- The Operations Chief will contact the transportation supervisor to arrange transportation. They will also arrange for student-parent reunification.
- The Safety Officer will clear all evacuation routes and sites prior to evacuation
- Principal(s) will evacuate all staff and students to prearranged evacuation sites as outlined in building plans. They will report to the superintendent or their designee any missing staff or students.

#### SHELTERING SITES (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

- The Superintendent or their designee will determine the level of the threat and communicate with building principal(s) who are affected by the emergency.
- Principal(s) will move all staff and students to pre-arranged sheltering sites as outlined in building plans. They will report any missing staff or students.
- The Logistics Chief will make appropriate arrangements for human needs in the event of a long-term situation.

#### STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

The Superintendent is responsible for the effective operation of the school district at all times. Under Education Law, Sections 1711 and 3012, the Superintendent is empowered to require certain groups of employees to work while other employees are not required to work because the absence of students reduces the productivity of these employees.

When schools are officially closed for students due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions:

- 1) In general, school-based personnel will not report with the exception of the building plant operators, custodians, maintenance, and janitorial staff, as per negotiated agreement.
- 2) The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, the Transportation Supervisor and the Superintendent will report to work, along with other designated employees.
- 3) Principals will remain responsible for security of their schools and for seeing that the building and grounds are made as ready as possible for school on the next scheduled day.

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATIONS

Principals have the responsibility to urge parents/guardians to make plans for the emergency supervision of their children should an all-day closing, a delayed opening, or an early closing of school be necessary.

Radio announcements or telephone trees may be used to notify staff members. In the event it becomes necessary to brief parents/guardians regarding incidents, which could include violent actions, notification centers will be established. The intent of the centers will be to discuss current information.

#### PROTOCOLS FOR RESPONDING TO BOMB THREATS, HOSTAGE-TAKINGS, INTRUDERS, ABDUCTION, AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS<sup>55</sup>

The District has procedures and provides training for emergencies. Specific response steps are confidential and contained within each Building-level Emergency Response Plan. Emergencies include but are not limited to the following situations.

- Abduction
- Armed Intruders / Active Shooters
- Bomb Threats

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<sup>55</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(xv) the identification of appropriate responses to emergencies, including protocols for responding to bomb threats, hostage-takings, intrusions and kidnappings;

- Cyber Security Annex
- Early or Alternate Emergency Dismissal
- Elopement
- Explosions
- Fires
- Hazardous Material Incident
- Homeland Security Threats
- Hostage Situations
- Infectious Disease
- Severe Weather
- Student-Made Threats
- Swatting
- Suicidal Students
- Suspicious Package Protocol
- Suspicious Persons

#### RESPONSES TO IMPLIED OR DIRECT THREATS OF VIOLENCE<sup>56</sup>

1. Students are required to inform school staff about any direct or indirect threat of violence or actual act of violence to themselves, others or school property.
2. Staff members are required to immediately inform the Principal or their designee of any direct or implied threat of violence or actual act of violence by students, teachers, or other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors as well as visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which shall include suicide. The Principal or their designee decides whether to utilize the building's trained clinician(s) in an effort to de-escalate or defuse the situation.
3. The District disseminates educational material, including but not limited to emails and formal brochure, encouraging parents and visitors to tell school staff about any direct or implied threat of violence or actual acts of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves.
4. After considering the specificity/generality of the threat or severity of the violent act, the Principal or their designee will determine whether to immediately contact the Superintendent of Schools or the Assistant Superintendent to advise them of the threat, obtain assistance to

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<sup>56</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(i) policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct threats of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors, and visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which for this subdivision shall include suicide;

determine the severity of the threat or report the violent act. The Principal will have the discretion to report minor incidents to the Superintendent verbally and/or in memorandum form after the situation has been resolved.

5. Each building has the availability of a Threat Assessment Team. This is a multi-disciplinary team that uses a nationally recognized evidence-based model to evaluate threats and implement the necessary mitigation steps to help prevent a threat from escalation to an act of violence.
6. The building administrator will investigate reported threats of violence and will make the determination of disciplinary measure consistent with the District's Code of Conduct.

#### RESPONSES TO ACTS OF VIOLENCE<sup>57</sup>

1. The Principal or their designee will determine whether to contact law enforcement personnel. **Threats or actions placing students, staff and others in imminent danger require an immediate LOCKDOWN protocol followed by a call to the police and the District Superintendent (if safe to do so).** Violent offenses defined in the S.A.V.E. regulations will also require the involvement of the police.
2. The Principal, and/or their designee then determine the appropriateness of directing the Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team to be activated.
3. The Building-level Emergency Response Team (BERT) consisting of trained staff and school personnel may assist with an Evacuation, Lockout, Shelter-in-Place, Hold-in-Place, or Early Dismissal and will follow the appropriate protocol (see appendices for further information). The Incident Command System (ICS) under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) should be followed as closely as possible to ensure good coordination between the building-level teams, District leadership, and responding agencies.
4. If the threat of violence or danger is imminent, a Lockdown may be utilized. A Lockdown is time sensitive and therefore may be requested by any school staff member based on the incident and timely need for the Lockdown. During the Lockdown, all school staff, students, and visitors (including all BERT members) are required to Lockdown in the nearest lockable space and await further instruction, or in some situations, evacuate the campus.
5. Procedures for contacting parents, guardians and persons in parental relation to students in the event of a violent incident or early dismissal are detailed in each building-level emergency plan. The use of the District's mass communication system is typically utilized.
6. Aggressively dangerous and violent students, teachers, other school personnel, bus drivers and monitors, or visitors shall be managed as outlined by the procedures detailed in the District Code of Conduct.
7. The building administrator will investigate reported threats of violence and will make the determination of disciplinary measure consistent with the District's Code of Conduct.

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<sup>57</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(ii) policies and procedures for responding to acts of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors and visitors to the school, including consideration of zero-tolerance policies for school violence;



8. School administrators must keep records of serious threats and acts of violence and report them annually to the state.
9. Prompt contact with appropriate law enforcement officials is essential in the event of a violent incident. These relationships have been established by participation of local response officials on Building-Level Emergency Response Planning Teams. These individuals and appropriate means of contact are documented in each Building-Level Emergency Response Plan.<sup>58</sup>
10. The District has a zero-tolerance policy for weapons, in accordance with federal and state law and the District Code of Conduct, and utilizes our Restorative Practices model and philosophy to respond to other acts of school violence.

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<sup>58</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(iv) policies and procedures for contacting the appropriate law enforcement officials in the event of a violent incident;

## PROTOCOLS FOR A STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY INVOLVING A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

*The following procedures provide a general overview of the District's response to a State Disaster Emergency and may require modification during an actual event based on a number of factors. The District will follow current guidance from the County Department of Health, State Department of Health and the State Education Department related to masking, distancing, quarantines, and other health-related requirements.*

### BACKGROUND

In September 2020, Governor Cuomo signed legislation that requires all New York State public employers to adopt a plan for operations in the event of a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease. The new legislation will constitute New York State Labor Law [Section 27-c](#), and serve as a response to the effects of the sudden onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Spring of 2020. In addition to 27-C, the following section was added to [2801-a of the Education Law](#) that required additions to the District Plan.

*Education Law - 2801-a (m) - protocols for responding to a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease that are substantially consistent with the provisions of section twenty-seven-c of the labor law.*

### PROTOCOLS

1. In the event of a state-ordered reduction of the District's in-person workforce, the following is a list of **essential** employees.

Essential Position	Description	
<b>Information Technology</b>	Director Technicians	This group is needed to maintain the internet capability including remote learning and working from home.
<b>Custodial and Maintenance</b>	Director Asst. Director  Head Custodian Senior Custodians Custodians Maintenance Mechanics Grounds	This group is needed to maintain the cleanliness and continued functioning of the building & grounds.
<b>Administration</b>	Superintendent & Asst. Superintendents	Required to ensure continuity of the response efforts.
<b>Building Administration &amp;</b>	Building Administrators &	Required to ensure continuity of the

<b>Clerical Support</b>	Clerical Support *	response efforts.
<b>Faculty and Staff</b>	Teacher/Related Service Provider	Should it become necessary to meet a student’s needs under IDEA and/or Section 504 regulation (FAPE), teachers/related service providers may be deemed essential on an as-needed basis.
<b>Security</b>	Security Coordinator & Security Assistants	To ensure the safety/security of the campuses.
<b>Transportation</b>	Director of Transportation, Support Staff & Transportation Contractor	To transport food to students who receive home meals and/or to transport students in the event they are attending in person instruction
<b>Food Service</b>	Food Service Director & Food Service Workers	To prepare and distribute meals to students.
<b>Health Services</b>	Director of Health Services and staff as deemed necessary	To assist with testing requirements, reporting and contract tracing.
<b>Business Operations</b>	Accounting, Payroll, Accounts Payroll, Purchasing	Where necessary to ensure the continued operation of the District.

2. In the event of a state-ordered reduction of the District’s in-person workforce the District will provide the opportunity for all **non-essential** employees the capability to telecommute including, but not limited to, facilitating or requesting the procurement, distribution, downloading, and installation of any needed devices or technology, including software, data, office laptops or phones, and the transferring of office phone lines to work or personal cell phones as practicable or applicable to the workplace. [DISTRICT] Staff will be guided on this as per the **Building Level Emergency Plans**, specifically the **Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Instruction** sections.
  
3. To the extent possible the District will stagger work shifts of essential employees in order to reduce overcrowding on public transportation systems and at worksites. Staff and students typically walk or drive via personal vehicle to campus. In an effort to reduce overcrowding on public transportation:

- Class schedules, if scheduled to be on site, will be staggered to a morning and afternoon cohort
  - Staff will arrive on campus prior to students at staggered times/work shift or/and staggered assigned days of work
  - If no students are in school staff will continue to have their work shift or assigned days of work staggered.
  - Most employees will be permitted to work remotely.
  - Visitors will not be permitted on campus.
4. A quantity of personal protective equipment (PPE), sufficient to provide to all essential employees, will be procured, stored, and managed as follows:
- Facilities will maintain inventory of PPE as recommended by the NYS Education Department guidelines, and continually restock same as needed.
  - Storage of personal protective equipment will be on campus and comply with the manufacturer's storage recommendations for each item.
  - The equipment will be stored and readily available to any person in need of it.
5. In the event an employee is exposed to a known case of a communicable disease that is the subject of a state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease, exhibits symptoms of such disease, or tests positive for such disease, and in order to prevent the spread or contraction of such disease in the workplace the District has a set protocol to be followed for the exposure as well as the disinfecting of the affected work area(s). The District's **Building Level Emergency Plan** contains an **Infectious Disease Annex, section 25** which details:
- The disinfecting of any area known or suspected to be infected with the communicable disease as well as any common area surface and shared equipment such employee may have touched
  - Available leave options, for the affected employee(s), in the event of an employee's need to receive testing, treatment, isolation, or quarantine
- Note: Such protocol does not involve any action that would violate any existing federal, state, or local law, including sick leave or health information privacy.*
6. All essential employees will have their hours and work locations documented, including off-site visits, by:
- All employees will use their access cards for entrance which documents their arrival on the premises.
  - Payroll, attendance, and time cards will further document an employee's presence on campus.
  - No other visitors will be allowed on site.

Such protocol shall be designed only to aid in the tracking of the disease and to identify the population of exposed employees in order to facilitate the provision of any benefits which may be available to certain employees on that basis.

7. If emergency housing is needed to further contain the spread of the communicable disease, the [DISTRICT] School District will lodge an essential employee at a local hotel bearing the full cost of the stay.

If there is a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease that involves the [DISTRICT] School District, all staff, essential and non-essential, will be contacted, and they will be guided by the aforementioned protocols.

8. **OTHER:** Any other requirements determined by the Department of Health such as contact tracing, testing, physical distancing, hygiene, disinfecting, drill modifications, or mask-wearing.

#### IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICT RESOURCES WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR USE DURING AN EMERGENCY<sup>59</sup>

District resources are available in each building and stored in a central location. Each building will designate a Command Post. The list, which is not meant to be inclusive, requires the following items:

- Copy of District-Wide School Safety Plan
- Building-level Emergency Plan
- Quick reference Emergency Management Procedures
- List of emergency telephone numbers
- Building floor plans
- Telephones
- Radio communications
- Weather radio
- Flashlights
- Photocopier
- Computer
- Student rosters
- List of individuals with special needs and specific evacuation plans
- Telephone numbers for parents/guardians Information about emergency needs (e.g. students/staff that require medications, vehicular transportation issues, etc.)
- School and staff census information

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<sup>59</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(vii) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the identification of district resources which may be available for use during an emergency;

The District will, as appropriate, utilize all available manpower during an emergency. Within each building, schools may use the Staff All Call response protocol, that quickly summons all available staff members to a staging area for assignments. Coordination of available employees is typically performed by the Principal or their designee. Specific job duties will be assigned based on the type of emergency and in compliance with the appropriate district and building emergency response procedure. Additional district resources may be requested by any building administrator or designee as needed. The Superintendent or their designee will call in all available maintenance and custodial staff to provide support during an emergency as needed. Assistance from outside government agencies may also be requested. A specific list of available resources may be found in Appendix 4 of this plan.

### PARTICIPATING IN UNIFIED COMMAND UNDER ICS PRINCIPLES

#### ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A chain of command consistent with the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) will be used in response to an emergency. Members of the School, Emergency Response Team, will be part of this system. In the event of an emergency, the response team will adopt NIMS/ICS principles based on the size, scope, and character of the emergency.

1. All administrators and Building-level Emergency Response Planning Teams members shall complete the incident command training level one.
2. All District Emergency Response Team members shall complete incident command training level one and level two.

#### ICS POSITIONS

The number of ICS positions filled will be dependent upon the scope of the incident.

- **Incident Commander** – Responsible for the direction of the building response in a building-level emergency (Building Administrator/designee).
- **Public Information Officer** – Compiles and releases information to the news media.
- **Safety Officer** – Monitors the response to prevent injuries from occurring to both those involved in the incident and those trying to resolve it.

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<sup>60</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(viii) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of procedures to coordinate the use of school district resources and manpower during emergencies, including identification of the officials authorized to make decisions and of the staff members assigned to provide assistance during emergencies;

- **Liaison** – Represents the District by working with responding agencies (law enforcement, fire department, EMS, utilities, etc.) and other school districts that may be involved in the incident.
- **Incident Log** – Keeps a written log of all incident events and updates appropriate command post personnel on significant developments.
- **Operations** – responsible for directing the implementation of action plans and strategies for incident resolution.
- **Logistics** – Responsible for providing all resources (personnel, equipment, facilities and services) required for incident resolution.
- **Planning/Intelligence** – Responsible for collecting, evaluating, and disseminating the information needed to measure the size, scope and seriousness of an incident and to plan a response.
- **Administration/Finance** – Responsible for all cost and financial matters related to the incident.

## EMERGENCY REMOTE INSTRUCTION

### OVERVIEW

The District may offer remote instruction days to students in the event-of-an-emergency condition, including, but not limited to, extraordinary adverse weather conditions, impairment of heating facilities, insufficiency of water supply, shortage of fuel, destruction of a school building, or a communicable disease outbreak.

When making decisions about remote instruction, the District will consult with students, parents, teachers, administrators, community members, and other stakeholders as appropriate. When implementing remote instruction, the District will ensure that it is complying with applicable teaching and learning requirements.

### DEFINITIONS

- A. "Asynchronous instruction" means instruction where students engage in learning without the direct presence (remote or in-person) of a teacher.
- B. "Non-digital and/or audio-based instruction" means instruction accessed synchronously and/or asynchronously through paper-based materials where the student to teacher interaction occurs via telephone or other audio platforms.
- C. "Remote instruction" means instruction provided by an appropriately certified teacher who is not in the same in-person physical location as the student(s) receiving the instruction, where there is regular and substantive daily interaction between the student and teacher.
  - 1. Remote instruction will encompass synchronous instruction provided through digital video- based technology and may also include asynchronous instruction intended to complement synchronous instruction. Digital video-based technology includes online technology and videoconferencing technology.
  - 2. Remote instruction may encompass non-digital and audio-based asynchronous and/or synchronous instruction where this instruction is more appropriate for a student's educational needs.
- D. "Synchronous instruction" means instruction where students engage in learning in the direct presence (remote or in-person) of a teacher in real time.

### FORMATS AND METHODS OF REMOTE INSTRUCTION

Remote instruction may be delivered through a variety of formats and methods. Determinations about how to best deliver remote instruction will take into account a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the number of students involved, the subject matter, the students' grade levels, and technological resources of both the District and students. Consideration will also be given to whether accommodations need to be made for students with disabilities or English language learners. Each school's Building-level Emergency Response Plan will contain this confidential information in the Continuity of Instruction Plan (COIP) section.



## INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS

The District may engage students in synchronous and asynchronous learning on days of remote instruction under emergency conditions with an expectation that asynchronous instruction is supplementary to synchronous instruction. When remote instruction by digital technology is unavailable, appropriate special accommodations for students will be made to aid their learning. Parent surveys will be key among this effort and will be provided online and promoted via Shoutpoint notifications. A helpline will be provided for parents without internet access. Ultimately, teachers will serve as the final system check. Students who are not able to fully participate in digital instruction will be contacted by a teacher and a needs assessment will be conducted to determine how to best support the student and address their learning needs. If a student and/or family is still not able to be reached the school and district may use our home visit protocol (emergency situations only) to determine the family's technology needs. Follow up surveys and promotional efforts will be used to gauge the success of technology deployments and mediate gaps in need.

## COMPUTER AND CONNECTIVITY ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

The District will ensure that students have the necessary equipment at home to participate in remote instruction.<sup>61</sup> No later than June 30th of each school year, the Superintendent will report to the Commissioner of Education the results of the survey on student access to computing devices and access to Internet connectivity on a form and format prescribed by the Commissioner.<sup>62</sup> The information received from the survey will aid in the development/updates to the detailed Continuity of Instruction Plan in each school's Building-level Emergency Response Plan.

## MINIMUM INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS

Remote instruction provided on days when the District would have otherwise closed due to an emergency condition may be counted toward the annual hourly requirement for the purpose of state aid. The Superintendent will certify to the New York State Education Department, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, that an emergency condition existed on a previously scheduled school day and that the District was in session and provided remote instruction on that day and indicate how many instructional hours were provided on that day and certify that remote instruction was provided in accordance with the District's emergency remote instruction plan.

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<sup>61</sup> 155.17(xxi)(a) ensure computing devices will be made available to students

<sup>62</sup> 155.17(f)(2) Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, each chief executive officer shall report to the Commissioner, no later than June 30 of each school year, on a form and format prescribed by the Commissioner, the results of the survey on student access to computing devices and access to internet connectivity

### **New York State Education Department Emergency Days and Remote Learning**

*“In the event of an emergency, remote instruction may be provided to students, consistent with the definition of remote instruction, and count these days toward the instructional minimums.”*

- Remote instruction must be provided by an appropriately certified teacher where there is regular and substantive daily interaction between the teacher and student.
  - “Regular” instruction means scheduled and predictable
  - “Substantive” instruction requires interactions between a teacher and students. Substantive instruction may include providing direct instruction (not giving directions, which can be given in writing), gathering and providing feedback, facilitating a discussion, etc.
- Remote instruction shall encompass **synchronous instruction** through digital-video-based technology and may also include **asynchronous instruction** intended to complement synchronous instruction.
  - Synchronous instruction means instruction where students engage in learning in the direct presence (remote or in-person) of a teacher.
- Remote instruction may encompass non-digital instruction where such instruction is more appropriate for a student’s education needs. Non-digital instruction may include regular and substantial interaction through paper where the synchronous instruction occurs via telephone or other audio platforms.

#### REMOTE INSTRUCTION SUPPORT

As necessary, the District will provide instruction on using remote instruction technology and IT support for students, teachers, and families. The District will also work to ensure that teachers and administrators are provided with professional development opportunities related to designing an effective remote instruction experience.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH DISTRICT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Teachers and students are required to comply with any and all applicable District policies, procedures, and other related documents as they normally would for in-person instruction. Examples include, but are not limited to, the District's policies and procedures on non-discrimination and anti-harassment, acceptable use, and copyright. Students will also be required to abide by the rules contained within the Code of Conduct at all times while engaged in remote instruction. Violations of the Code of Conduct and/or engaging in prohibited conduct may result in disciplinary action as warranted.

#### PRIVACY AND SECURITY OF STUDENT AND TEACHER DATA

The District will take measures to protect the personally identifiable information of students and teachers from unauthorized disclosure or access when using remote instruction technologies in compliance with law, regulation, and District policy. Examples of these measures include, but are not limited to, minimizing the amount of data shared to only that which is necessary, de-identifying data, and using encryption or an equivalent technical control that renders personally identifiable information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons when transmitted electronically.

## SECTION IV COMMUNICATION WITH OTHERS

### Obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency service organizations and local government agencies<sup>63</sup>

1. The District continues to work closely with local police, fire, EMS, and governmental agencies to obtain assistance during emergencies. Representatives helped in the development of this plan, have assisted in emergency drills, and provided technical assistance. Providers have given approval to the district to rely on local personnel, resources, and facilities in emergency situations.
2. The District maintains an updated list of local, county, and state agencies and personnel to contact to obtain assistance. The superintendent or their designee will initiate the contact when needed.

### Obtaining advice and assistance from local government officials, including the county or city officials responsible for implementation of article 2-B of the Executive Law<sup>64</sup>

1. The District maintains an updated list of local and county emergency organizations, agencies, and government officials responsible for implementation of Article 2-B of the Executive Law. The superintendent and their designee will initiate the contact when needed.
2. The key officials in local government that can help to develop plans and assist in emergency situations as listed in emergency situations are listed in Appendix 4. Key government agencies are listed below:

1. Town of Tonawanda Police Department
2. Village of Kenmore Police Department
3. Tonawanda Fire Department
4. New York State Police
5. Erie County OEM
6. Erie County Sheriff's Department
7. Paramedics - Town of Tonawanda
8. Red Cross

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<sup>63</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(v) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of the arrangements for obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency services organizations and local governmental agencies;

<sup>64</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(vi) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of the arrangements for obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency services organizations and local governmental agencies;

## Contacting Parents, Guardians or Persons in Parental Relation to the Students of the District in the Event of a Violent Incident or an Early Dismissal<sup>65</sup>

In the event of violent incidents or crises, or an early dismissal of students, every effort will be made to notify parents. As soon as practical, the Superintendent or their designee shall activate the emergency notification system that will provide relevant information. Parental notification procedures for a student involved in disciplinary situations shall be consistent with the Code of Conduct and New York State law, and shall be presented clearly and concisely to staff and students each year.

When a student is involved in any violent situation, or an implied or direct threat of violence by such student against themselves, including suicide, parent or guardian shall be contacted as soon as practicable.<sup>66</sup> Administration shall utilize school mental health resources when necessary.

It is the responsibility of all parents and guardians to ensure that emergency contact information for students is always up-to-date and complete.

If district-wide communication needs to be implemented, the District will use the Infinite Campus ShoutPoint messenger system (robocall, text and email), district website, and social media.

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<sup>65</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(ix) policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to the students of the district in the event of a violent incident or an early dismissal;

<sup>66</sup> 155.17(c)(1)(x) policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to an individual student of the district in the event of an implied or direct threat of violence by such student against themselves, which for the purposes of this subdivision shall include suicide;

## SECTION V RECOVERY

### CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

This District maintains continuity of operations at both the district and building level to ensure that essential functions continue during an emergency and its immediate aftermath. Essential functions include business services (payroll and purchasing), communication (internal and external), computer and systems support, facilities maintenance, safety and security, and continuity of instruction. Specific continuity plans are contained within each Building-level Emergency Response Plan.

### CONTINUITY OF INSTRUCTION

The District offers a suite of online instructional tools that can be used to support remote instruction and communication. General instructional tools for communicating with students include online services including:

- Google Drive with shared folders
- GSuite (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, Classroom, Sites)
- Gmail
- Google Classroom
- Seesaw
- Canvas

Detailed grade-specific remote instructional procedures are contained within each building-level emergency plan.

*Note: The local public Library online resources are available remotely and can be accessed by students who have a library card.*

### DISTRICT SUPPORT FOR BUILDINGS

When the Chief Emergency Officer is notified that an emergency exists, he/she will respond accordingly.

Members of the District Safety Team will assist as needed either at their respective Building Command Posts or by responding where directed by the Incident Commander(s). The District Safety Team will assign such other personnel as deemed necessary to meet the needs of the situation.

The District Safety Team members will remain at their assigned posts until the Incident Commander(s) has determined that the emergency is over, or it is unsafe, or no longer necessary to remain, or need to relocate.

Should the incident involve a single building, at the discretion of the District Safety Team leader in consultation with that building's administrators and Building Emergency Response Team (BERT), other school buildings may be called to support the Building Emergency Response Team in that building.

Should the incident involve multiple buildings, at the discretion of the District Safety Team leader, in consultation with building administrators, additional mental health support from the County Crisis Team and local area hospitals may be solicited to support the Emergency Response Teams in the affected building(s).

In any case, a “debriefing”, or post-incident analysis, will be facilitated by the District Safety Team. This process will include a review of the actual incident, the Team’s response to the incident, and post-traumatic incident debriefing.

District clinicians (or, mental health professionals from outside agencies if they have been involved) will provide ongoing as-needed support to the Team members, and will monitor post-traumatic stress symptoms in team members. As appropriate, team members may be provided with a referral to EAP and/or with information regarding private mental health providers in the area.

Principal(s) are expected to consult with the District Public Information Officer in composing letters to parents following any emergency. The District’s Public Information Officer will assist in sending mass communication messages to affected groups. The District’s Liaison Officer will communicate with outside agencies, such as the County Health Department, to provide necessary services following any emergency.

#### DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The District Liaison Officer will communicate with outside agencies, such as the County Health Department, to provide necessary mental health services following any emergency. District mental health providers may be temporarily reassigned to assist in the recovery process.

## APPENDIX 1 - LISTING OF BUILDINGS COVERED BY THE DISTRICT-WIDE PLAN

### District Office

1500 Colvin Boulevard  
Buffalo, NY 14223  
Phone: 716-874-8400

### Edison Elementary School

236 Grayton Road  
Tonawanda, NY 14150  
Phone: 716-874-8416

### Franklin Elementary School

500 Parkhurst Blvd.  
Buffalo, NY 14223  
Phone: 716-847-8415

### Franklin Middle School

540 Parkhurst Blvd.  
Buffalo, NY 14223  
Phone: 716-874-8404

### Holmes Elementary School

365 Dupont Ave.  
Tonawanda, NY 14150  
Phone: 716-874-8423

### Hoover Elementary Elementary School

199 Thorncliff Road  
Buffalo, NY 14223  
Phone: 716-874-8414

### Hoover Middle School

249 Thorncliff Road  
Buffalo, NY 14223  
Phone: 716-874-8405

### Kenmore East High School

350 Fries Road  
Tonawanda, NY 14150  
Phone: 716-874-8402

#### Kenmore Jr/Sr. High School

155 Delaware Rd,  
Buffalo, NY 14217  
Phone: (716) 874-8403

#### Kenmore West High School

33 Highland Parkway  
Buffalo, NY 14223  
Phone: 716-874-8401

#### Lindbergh Elementary School

184 Irving Terrace  
Kenmore, NY 14223  
Phone: 716-872-8410

#### Hamilton School

44 Westfall Drive  
Tonawanda, NY 14150  
Phone: 716-874-8419

#### Transportation

1680 Military Road  
Kenmore, NY 14217  
Phone: 716-874-8611

#### Family Support Center/Longfellow Building

255 Myron Road  
Buffalo, NY 14217  
Phone: 716-874-8510

#### Ken-Ton Buildings and Grounds

1494 Colvin Blvd.  
Buffalo, NY 14223  
716-874-8475



## APPENDIX 2 – BUILDING-LEVEL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS

Due to the sensitive safety and security information contained in each Building-level Emergency Response Plan, these plans are confidential and not available for public dissemination. Copies of plans are maintained at each school building and the District office.

APPENDIX 3 – DUTIES OF DISTRICT-WIDE INCIDENT COMMAND AND OPERATIONS STAFF

Incident Commander (IC) (Superintendent)	Develop Incident Action Plan (IAP). Has overall responsibility at the incident or event. Sets objectives and priorities based on agency direction.
Deputy Incident Commander (Superintendent Designee)	Supports the Incident Commander in any capacity needed. For long term or large scale incidents, may act as Incident Commander during break periods/ rest periods.
Public Information Officer (PIO) (Superintendent/Designee)	Is the primary point of contact during an incident. Will work in conjunction with law enforcement and emergency services and public information officer at press briefings. ALL media contact will be through this individual.
Liaison Officer (Supt. of Buildings & Grounds/ Director of Facilities, Building Principal)	Will be the agency representative with outside agencies responding to the emergency event. Keeps Incident Commander informed of situation status.
Operations Officer (Building Principal, Supt. of Buildings & Grounds/Director of Facilities)	Develops tactical organization and directs all resources to carry out the Incident Action Plan (IAP).
Logistics Officer Supt. of Buildings & Grounds/ Director of Facilities, Building Principal)	Provides resources and all other services needed to support the incident.
Planning Officer	Develops the Incident Action Plan to accomplish the objectives. Collects and evaluates information, maintains status of assigned resources.
Finance/Administration (Business Official)	Monitors costs related to the incident/event. Provides accounting, procurement, time recording, cost analysis and overall fiscal guidance for the incident/event.

BUILDING LEVEL RESPONSE TEAM ROLES DEFINED

Primary Operations Administrator	Building Principal/Designee
Communications Liaison	Send and receive messages to and from outside personnel as needed by principal and other listed coordinators.
Emergency Services Liaison	Meet and coordinate first aid and other medical services.
Evacuation Site Coordinator	Sending site coordinator who will prepare to release the students to the new location and oversee the operations on this site until the main site is closed down and the Primary Operations Administrator arrives at the alternate site location.
Parent/Guardian Liaison	Handles all communications with parents and oversee the release of students after all attendance procedures are completed at the alternate site.
Site Management Attendance Coordinator	Assists in the attendance accounting for all students and adults at the alternate site before the release of any students. He/she will be assisted by the attendance personnel when they arrive from the primary site.
Transportation Coordinator(s)	Will receive and direct the buses when they enter the primary site to remove the students to the alternate site. The bus numbers and designations will be communicated to the primary site office or its alternate location for announcement to the teachers for dismissal and loading.
Mechanical Services Liaison	Assists the emergency services personnel locate key information and gain access to all parts of the primary site. He/she will secure the site after all intended personnel are relocated off the primary site.
Off-Site Emergency Coordinator(s)	Arrive at the alternate site before the arrival of the students and prepare the site for their arrival. Identify key areas which need to be opened and made ready. Make provisions for the other key personnel who will assist in the accounting and communication duties required to care for and later release the students to their parents. They will remain in charge of the alternate site until the arrival of the Primary Operations Administrator or the Evacuation Site Coordinator at which time they will support these personnel in their duties.
Other Personnel	Will assist in the accounting process and maintenance of order.

## APPENDIX 4- PUBLIC INFORMATION/MEDIA NOTIFICATION PLAN

As media personnel arrive to cover a story, they should be directed to a media staging/reception area and should not be allowed to interview students without expressed permission.

### Media Site Selection

Several factors should be considered when selecting a site to which the media can go and from which information will be dispensed:

Physical Space:	Select a room or area that will accommodate a media conference attended by several news agencies and school support staff.
Containment:	Ensure the site does not permit access by the media to the Command Post or student population.
Necessary Accommodations:	Choose a location that permits direct access to restrooms and telephones and has sufficient electrical outlets and space for equipment.

### Dissemination of Information

The Superintendent of Schools, or designee, will act as the Public Information Officer (P.I.O.) or Media Coordinator to work with the media during a crisis. The individual assigned this duty assumes responsibility for organizing the details.

During the crisis the Public Information Officer, P.I.O./Media Coordinator should greet reporters, direct them to the media staging area where they will be provided a news conference or press release.

### Recommended Policy

The School District Superintendent will assign the P.I.O. or Media Coordinator for the district.

If there is a police or emergency service presence, release of information will be coordinated with the information officers from those agencies.

The P.I.O. for police, emergency services, and the school district will act as liaison to the media and coordinate press conferences and media deadlines.

Confidentiality and privacy issues regarding the identity of juveniles, staff members, and their involvement in a particular situation must be monitored very closely to prevent unauthorized disclosure of information.

The school district, police, and emergency services have an obligation to keep the media aware of significant developments as long as the investigation, actions, and/or locations are not compromised or parents/spouses are not unnecessarily alarmed.

Announcing to the media that only one person will be releasing information usually will prevent attempts to obtain information by circumventing the authorized channels.

If an arrest results from the situation, the police agency should coordinate this announcement through the School District Spokesman and School Superintendent so necessary steps can be taken by the school to prepare the faculty, students, and parents.

## APPENDIX 5- NOTIFICATION AND REUNIFICATION PLAN

Utilize telephone lists or television and radio media to notify parents and spouses of an emergency involving an occupied school facility.

Designate a reception center at a location away from the incident. Provide this information during the notification process.

Several factors should be considered when selecting a reception center. They are as follows:

Physical Space:	Select a site that will accommodate a large influx of people to include parents and/or spouses and district representatives.
Containment:	Ensure that the site does not permit access by the media and is isolated from the Incident Command Post (I.C.P.), Emergency Operation Center (E.O.C.), and student body.
Necessary Accommodations:	Select a location that permits direct access to restrooms and telephones and allows for the serving of refreshments. Several rooms should be made available for grieving family members and counseling sessions.
Support Personnel/ Agencies:	If the situation warrants, station counselors, members of the clergy, medical personnel and Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team at the reception center. A law enforcement/emergency services representative should be at the site also.
Dissemination of Information:	The Superintendent of Schools should assign, in advance, a staff member as the liaison/information specialist to work with the parents/spouses during a crisis. The individual assigned this duty must assume responsibility for arranging the details and providing accurate, up-to-date information regarding the incident.

## APPENDIX 6 – MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

Any applicable Memoranda of Understanding relevant to implementation of the District-wide and Building-level Emergency Response Plans are on file in the District office.

A link to the MOU for School Resource Officers between the Kenmore Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District and the Town of Tonawanda can be found [HERE](#).

MOU between Vista Security Inc. and the Kenmore Town of Tonawanda Union Free can be found [HERE](#).

APPENDIX 7 – DISTRICT RESOURCES – CONTACT INFORMATION

TITLE	NAME	OFFICE PHONE
Superintendent of Schools	Sabatino Cimato	716-874-8400 Option 9
Asst. Superintendent for Finance	Nicole Morasco	716-874-8400 ext. 20308
Asst. Superintendent for Human Resources	Jeffrey Richards	716-874-8400 ext. 20414
Asst. Superintendent, for Curriculum and Instruction	Kelly White	716-874-8400 ext. 20333
President, Board of Education	Matthew Chimera	716-874-8400
Vice President, Board of Education	Todd Marquardt	716-874-8400
Transportation Supervisor	Graham Violino	716-874-8611
Transportation Clerk	Dispatch Jill Grodesky	716-874-8611
Asst. Supervisor	Marianette Wilbert	716-874-3073
District Clerk	Gina Santa Maria	716-874-8400 ext. 20342
Director of Communications	Patrick Fanelli	716-697-5056
Director of Facilities	Timothy Ames	716-874-8475
AHERA Designee	Timothy Ames	716-874-8475
Principal/Building:	Shawn Siddall - Edison Elem Kia Evans - Franklin Elem Matthew Raines - Holmes Elem Michael Huff- Hoover Elem Ann Maccagnano - Lindbergh Elem Marco Galante- Franklin Middle Elaine Thomas - Hoover Middle Kevin Kruger - Kenmore Jr./Sr. High School Trevor Brown- Ken East HS Dean Johnson - Ken West HS	716-874-8416 716-874-8415 716-874-8423 716-874-8414 716-874-8410 716-874-8404 716-874-8405 716-874-8403  716-874-8402  716-874-8401
Head Custodian(s):	A. Craig Carpenter- Longfellow Bldg B. Bob Logalbo - Franklin Complex C. Mike Chludzinski- Hamilton D. Tom Fitzgerald - Holmes Elem E. Tom Gominiak-Hoover Complex F. Robert Zirnheld - Lindbergh Elem G. Julio Haig- Transportation H. Matt Rich- Edison Elementary I. TBD- Administration Bldg. J. Tom Wagner- Kenmore Jr./Sr. High School	A. 716-903-0874 B. 716-602-4378 C. 716-420-4940 D. 716-949-4589 E. 716-348-7870 F. 716-550-0732 G. 716-465-1133 H. 716-982-9284 I. J. 716-418-2635 K. 716-553-2553



	K. Tom Rider - Ken East HS L. Gary Mannix - Ken West HS	L. 716-480-0950
Athletic Director	Lindsay Bergman	716-871-3082
Cafeteria Services	Kim Roll	716-874-8400
Adult Education	Liza Acanfora	716-874-8437
Town Supervisor	Joseph H. Emminger	716-877-8804
Ellwood Fire	Chief Brian Nigro	716-876-5843
Kenmore Fire	Chief John Lauck	716-875-3274
Brighton Fire Department	Chief – Douglas Harlach[Brighton 9]	716 837-3933
Sheridan Park Fire	Chief: Scott Plecha 1st Assignment Chief: Jeremy Carpenter	716 873-1111
Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire	Chief Ryan MacDougall	716-691-7439
Kenilworth Fire Department	Chief Anthony Marano	716-838-1219
Ambulance - Paramedics - Town of Tonawanda	Supervisor Matthew DeRose	716-879-6675
Erie County		
County Executive	Mark C. Poloncarz	716-858-8500
Emergency Management	Gregory Butcher	716-858-2944
Public Safety Commissioner	Dr. Rosa Gonzalez	716-858-6000
Erie County Department of Health	Dr. Gale R. Burstein	716-858-7690
Red Cross Emergency Services	716-858-7690	

## APPENDIX 8 – SECTION 155.17 REGULATION COMPLIANCE REFERENCE

- **155.17(b)(14)** District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the board of education, the chancellor in the case of New York City, or other governing board. The district-wide team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors. At the discretion of the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the City of New York, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team, provided however, that no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed.
- **155.17(c)(1)(i)** policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct threats of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors, and visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which for this subdivision shall include suicide;
- **155.17(c)(1)(iii)** appropriate prevention and intervention strategies, such as: (a) collaborative arrangements with State and local law enforcement officials, designed to ensure that school safety officers and other security personnel are adequately trained, including being trained to de-escalate potentially violent situations, and are effectively and fairly recruited; (b) nonviolent conflict resolution training programs; (c) peer mediation programs and youth courts; and (d) extended day and other school safety programs;
- **155.17(c)(1)(iv)** policies and procedures for contacting the appropriate law enforcement officials in the event of a violent incident;
- **155.17(c)(1)(v)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of the arrangements for obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency services organizations and local governmental agencies;
- **155.17(c)(1)(vi)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the procedures for obtaining advice and assistance from local government officials, including the county or city officials responsible for implementation of article 2-B of the Executive Law;
- **155.17(c)(1)(vii)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the identification of district resources which may be available for use during an emergency;
- **155.17(c)(1)(viii)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of procedures to coordinate the use of school district resources and manpower during emergencies, including identification of the officials authorized to make decisions and of the staff members assigned to provide assistance during emergencies;
- **155.17(c)(1)(ix)** policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to the students of the district in the event of a violent incident or an early dismissal;
- **155.17(c)(1)(x)** policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to an individual student of the district in the event of an implied or direct threat of violence by such student against themselves, which for the purposes of this subdivision shall include suicide;

- [155.17\(c\)\(1\)\(xi\)](#) policies and procedures relating to school building security, including, where appropriate, the use of school safety officers and/or security devices or procedures;
- [155.17\(c\)\(1\)\(xii\)](#) policies and procedures for the dissemination of informative materials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors, including but not limited to the identification of family, community, and environmental factors to teachers, administrators, school personnel including bus drivers and monitors, parents [and] or other persons in parental relation to students of the school district or board, students and other persons deemed appropriate to receive such information;
- [155.17\(c\)\(1\)\(xiii\)](#) policies and procedures for annual multi-hazard school safety training for staff and students, provided that the district must certify to the commissioner that all staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 and each subsequent September 15th thereafter on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner;
- [155.17\(c\)\(1\)\(xiv\)](#) procedures for review and the conduct of drills, [and other exercises to test components of the emergency response plan, including the use of] tabletop exercises, and information about emergency procedures and drills, including information about procedures and timeframes for notification of parents or persons in parental relation regarding drills and other emergency response training(s) that include students. At their discretion, schools and districts may participate in full-scale exercises in coordination with local and county emergency responders and preparedness officials;
- [155.17\(c\)\(1\)\(xv\)](#) the identification of appropriate responses to emergencies, including protocols for responding to bomb threats, hostage-takings, intrusions and kidnappings;
- [155.17\(c\)\(1\)\(xvi\)](#) strategies for improving communication among students and between students and staff and reporting of potentially violent incidents, such as the establishment of youth- run programs, peer mediation, conflict resolution, creating a forum or designating a mentor for students concerned with bullying or violence and establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms for school violence;
- [155.17\(c\)\(1\)\(xvii\)](#) a description of the duties of hall monitors and any other school safety personnel, the training required of all personnel acting in a school security capacity, and the hiring and screening process for all personnel acting in a school security capacity;
- [155.17\(1\)\(c\)\(xix\)](#) the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent's designee, as the district chief emergency officer whose duties shall include, but not be limited to: (a) coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement, and other first responders; (b) lead the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans; (c) ensure staff understanding of the district-wide school safety plan; (d) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building; (e) assist in the selection of security related technology and development of procedures for the use of such technology; (f) coordinate appropriate safety, security, and emergency training for district and school staff, including required training in the emergency response plan; (g) ensure the conduct of required evacuation and lock-down drills in all district buildings as required by Education Law section 807; and (h) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans by the dates designated by the commissioner.
- [155.17\(c\)\(2\)\(h\)](#) Fire and emergency drills. Each school district and board of cooperative educational services shall, at least once every school year, and where possible in cooperation

with local county emergency preparedness plan officials, conduct one test of its emergency response procedures under each of its building-level emergency response plans, including sheltering, lock-down, or early dismissal, at a time not to occur more than 15 minutes earlier than the normal dismissal time.

- **155.17(h)(i)** Except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the chief executive officer of each educational agency located within a public school district shall provide to the superintendent of schools information about school population, number of staff, transportation needs and the business and home telephone numbers of key officials of such educational agencies.