

NOTIFICATION OF SEX OFFENDERS

The Board of Education acknowledges the efforts of local law enforcement to inform the district when persons with a history of sex offenses against children are being paroled or have moved into the community. The purpose is to notify schools and other vulnerable entities of the possible danger within their community. As part of its duty to protect students under its care, the district shall cooperate with the police and other law enforcement agencies in this endeavor.

The Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to ensure the dissemination of any identifying information provided by the local law enforcement agency to pertinent staff including Building Principals, staff who issue visitors' passes, bus drivers, custodians, playground monitors, security personnel, and coaches. All other staff members are to be informed of the availability of the information. Staff members shall check with their supervisor if they observe any suspicious person(s) in an area where children congregate, and shall be directed to contact local law enforcement agencies, if a paroled sex offender is so observed.

[The Board shall notify parents of students and other members of the community about such releases and remind them of the security measures and personal safety instruction provided at school.]

All requests for information provided by the Division of Parole must be directed to the district's Freedom of Information Law Records Access Officer.

The Superintendent shall establish any necessary regulations for implementing this policy with the advice of the school attorney.

Cross-ref: 1120, School District Records
1240, Visitors to the Schools
5450, Student Safety

Ref: *Shante D. v. City of New York*, 83 NY2d 948 (1994)
Mirand v. City of New York, 84 NY2d 44 (1994)
Stoneking v. Bradford Area S.D., 882 F.2d 720 (2d Cir. 1989)
Guidelines for the Supervision of Sex Offenders (Revised), NYS Div. of Parole, August 1994
Information relating to Notification by Parole of Release of Sex Offenders, Memorandum to Superintendent of Schools from Executive Director, NYS Council of School Superintendents, November 9, 1994

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NOTIFICATION OF SEX OFFENDERS EXHIBIT

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In accordance with New York State's Sex Offender Registration Act, local law enforcement agencies will, at their discretion, be notifying school administrators of sex offenders living or working in this district. Such information may include the offender's address or zip code, photograph, crime of conviction, modus of operation, type of victim targeted and the description of any special conditions imposed on the offender. As of now we (have/have not) received such notification

Any time we receive this information, it will be circulated to Building Principals, staff who issue visitors' passes, bus drivers, custodians, playground monitors, and coaches. All other staff members will be informed of the availability of the information. All staff have been directed to check with their supervisor if they observe any suspicious person(s) in an area where children congregate, and to contact law enforcement agencies if a paroled sex offender is so observed.

We are dedicated to the safety of our children while they're in school. All of our schools have strict sign-in/sign-out procedures for our students, and all visitors must first report to the school's main office for a visitor's pass. In addition, our school curriculum includes teaching personal safety and stranger awareness skills.

We encourage you to talk to your children about personal safety. Books and other resources are available from school counselors, if necessary.

Specific questions about this matter may be directed to *(Name, address and telephone of Local Police)*.

Please be assured that the school district will continue to take responsible and appropriate measures to protect our students.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Schools