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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE OF SEX OFFENDERS

This policy is adopted in conformance with the New York Sex Offender Registration Act ("Megan's Law"). Under that statute, local law enforcement agencies receive notification of the presence of sex offenders in their jurisdictions. Upon receipt of that information, the local law enforcement agencies may elect to provide that information to entities in the jurisdiction which have vulnerable populations, including school districts. Upon receipt of that information, the School District is authorized to distribute the information with the District and/or within the community. Consistent with its duty to protect students under its care, the District shall cooperate with local law enforcement agencies in the administration of this law.

Any information provided by local law enforcement agencies under Megan's Law shall be posted in an appropriate location in all school buildings. Once the District is informed by law enforcement officials of the presence of a sex offender in the District, District officials may, in their discretion, distribute pertinent information from this notification to its employees, various groups who utilize school buildings and grounds, as well as parents of students and community residents.

Upon receipt of such information from a local law enforcement agency, the Superintendent or his designee shall:

- a) Distribute such information to all adult District employees including, but not limited to, building principals, teachers, teaching assistants and aides, office personnel, coaches, custodians, cleaners, bus drivers, lunch monitors, and hall monitors.
- b) Distribute such information to all designated supervisors and volunteers of groups which regularly use District facilities with children in attendance.
- c) Distribute such information to the administrator or supervisor of each private and parochial school in the District.

The Superintendent shall inform District residents through an explanatory letter which details District policy when the District has received notification of a sex offender living in the District from a law enforcement agency. At his/her discretion, the Superintendent may include with such letter any and all of the information received from the law enforcement agency.

All staff members and community residents shall be informed of the posting requirement for such information established by this policy and of the availability of the information, upon request. Community residents shall also be reminded of the security measures and personal safety instruction provided at school. All staff requests for information provided by the law enforcement agencies shall be directed to the Building Principal. Requests for information from community residents shall be directed to the District Clerk.

In each case, the District shall review the information received with its legal counsel to determine whether any of the information received should be deleted prior to its distribution.

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Staff members shall inform their immediate supervisor if they observe at or near school or school events any individual whose description matches the information which was provided to the District by local law enforcement authorities. Local law enforcement officials shall also be immediately notified of such observation.

Where the District has been informed of the presence of a Level 3 sex offender in the District, and/or where the individual is or has in the past been required by a court under Penal Law Section 65.10(4-a) as a condition of probation or conditional discharge to refrain from knowingly entering onto any school grounds without the permission of a Superintendent of Schools for the limited purposes set forth in that Section, such as having children in a particular school district, the Superintendent shall notify such individual in writing that he/she shall be prohibited from being present on school grounds except with the permission of the Superintendent of Schools under exigent circumstances as determined by the Superintendent.

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