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**11/13/26 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

1. **ACTION TO BE TAKEN:**

**_____CONSENT**

**_____1st READING**

**_____KEEP IN COMMITTEE**

**_____DELETE POLICY**

2. **POLICY COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE:**

**___ Adopt as Presented**
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SECTION 4 - Operational Services

# 4:170 Safety

Safety and Security

All District operations, including the education program, shall be conducted in a manner that will promote the safety and security of everyone on District property or at a District event. The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive safety and security plan that includes, without limitation:

1. An emergency operations and crisis response plan(s) addressing prevention, preparation, response, and recovery for each school;
2. Provisions for a coordinated effort with local law enforcement and fire officials, emergency medical services personnel, and the Board Attorney;
3. A school safety drill plan;
4. Instruction in safe bus riding practices; and
5. A clear, rapid, factual, and coordinated system of internal and external communication.

In the event of an emergency that threatens the safety of any person or property, students and staff are encouraged to follow the best practices discussed for their building regarding the use of any available cellular telephones.

The District may deny any request for public disclosure, inspection, or copying of the District's safety and security plan, where disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures, the safety of the personnel who implement them, or the public.

School Safety Drill Plan

During every academic year, each school building that houses school children shall conduct, at a minimum, each of the following in accordance with the School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128/):

1. Three school evacuation drills to address and prepare students and school personnel for fire incidents. One of these three drills shall require the participation of the local fire department or district.
2. One bus evacuation drill.
3. One severe weather and shelter-in-place drill to address and prepare students and school personnel for possible tornado incidents.
4. One law enforcement lockdown drill to address a school shooting incident and to evaluate the preparedness of school personnel and students. This drill shall occur no later than 90 days after the first day of school of each year, and shall require the participation of all school personnel and students present at school at the time of the drill, except for those exempted by administrators, school support personnel, or a parent/guardian.
5. One cardiac response drill to practice the steps established in the District's cardiac emergency response plan. This drill may be done in partnership with local emergency medical services and may be conducted without student participation.[C1]

Emergency Action Plan for Managing Sudden Cardiac Arrest During School Athletics

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a written emergency action plan for managing sudden cardiac arrest during school athletics. The Emergency Action Plan shall:

1. Be developed through discussions with local emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, school safety officials, on-site first responders, and school administrators.
2. Be specific to the sporting venue and include emergency communication, personnel, equipment and transportation to appropriate emergency facilities.
3. Require the Emergency Action Plan and Equipment be reviewed and practiced annually.
4. Require that targeted first responders be trained and certified in cardinal pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation.
5. Require that any time any person on school property faints or otherwise loses consciousness, the appropriate school personnel will immediately contact EMS.
6. Require supplies for lockdown and evacuation procedures.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a plan with the District's local fire officials to:

1. Determine which school buildings to equip with approved *carbon monoxide alarms* or

*carbon monoxide detectors*,

2. Locate the required carbon monoxide alarms or carbon monoxide detectors within 20 feet of a carbon monoxide emitting device, and
3. Incorporate carbon monoxide alarm or detector activation procedures into each school building that requires a carbon monoxide alarm or detector. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure each school building annually reviews these procedures.

Soccer Goal Safety

The Superintendent or designee shall implement the Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act in accordance with the guidance published by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Implementation of the Act shall be directed toward improving the safety of movable soccer goals by requiring that they be properly anchored.

Unsafe School Choice Option

The unsafe school choice option allows students to transfer to another District school or to a public charter school within the District. The unsafe school choice option is available to:

1. All students attending a persistently dangerous school, as defined by State law and identified by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE).
2. Any student who is a victim of a violent criminal offense, as defined by 725 ILCS 120/3, that occurred on school grounds during regular school hours or during a school-sponsored event.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement the unsafe school choice option.

Lead Testing in Water

The Superintendent or designee shall implement testing for lead in each source of drinking water in school buildings in accordance with the Ill. Plumbing License Law and guidance published by the IDPH. The Superintendent or designee shall notify parent(s)/guardian(s) about the sampling results from their children's respective school buildings.

Emergency Closing

The Superintendent is authorized to close school(s) in the event of hazardous weather or other emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff members, or school property.

AED Plan and Procedures

Pursuant to the Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Procedures Act, 210 ILCS 74, a comprehensive AED Plan has been developed. Operational procedures are in place for training, responding, and maintenance of the AED devices. AED devices are located in each school building. Staff is notified of the location and procedures for use at the beginning of each school year.

Annual Review

The Board or its designee will annually review each school building's emergency operations and crisis response plan(s), protocols, and procedures, as well as each building's compliance with the school safety drill plan. This annual review shall be in accordance with the School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128/) and the Joint Rules of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE).

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

At least one automated external defibrillator (AED) shall be present in each District attendance center during the school day and during any District-sponsored extracurricular activity on school grounds. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall implement a written plan for responding to medical emergencies at the District's physical fitness facilities in accordance with the Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act and shall file a copy of the plan with the Ill. Dept. of Public Health (IDPH). The plan shall provide for at least one AED to be available at every physical fitness facility on the premises according to State law requirements.

The District shall have an AED on site as well as a trained AED user: (1) on staff during staffed business hours; and (2) available during activities or events sponsored and conducted or supervised by the District. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that every AED on the District's premises is properly tested and maintained in accordance with rules developed by the IDPH. This policy does not create an obligation to use an AED.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.2, 5/10-20.57, 5/18-12, and 5/18-12.5.

105 ILCS 128/, School Safety Drill Act; 29 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1500.

210 ILCS 74/, Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act.

225 ILCS 320/35.5, Ill. Plumbing License Law.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 4:180 (Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery), 5:30 (Hiring

Process and Criteria), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)

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## PRESSPlus Comments

C1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 128/60(c), added by P.A. 104-759, eff. 7-1-27, which requires school districts to conduct an annual cardiac response drill but does not specify that the drill must occur in each school building that houses children. Having an annual cardiac response drill in each school building that houses children ensures practical, streamlined implementation. **Issue 123, October 2026**