EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

The Superintendent shall ensure updating of the District's Emergency Operations Plan and ongoing staff training.

FIREARMS PURPOSE The Board adopts these provisions regarding firearms to address concerns about effective and timely response to emergency situations at a District school, including: invasion of a school by an armed outsider; a hostage situation; actions of a student who is armed and poses a direct threat of physical harm to himself, herself, or others; and similar circumstances.

AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to its authority under Texas Penal Code 46.03(a)(1), the Board may, from time to time, authorize specific District employees or officials to possess certain firearms on school property, at school-sponsored or school-related events, and at Board meetings, to the extent allowed by law. The Board or its designee shall issue written authorization to approved employees and officials. Participation in this safety program is strictly voluntary and is not a requirement of any position as an employee or elected official of the District.

REVOCATION

The Board or its designee may revoke such authorization at any time. The authorization to possess certain firearms on school property, at school-sponsored or school-related events, and at Board meetings shall be automatically revoked if an employee or official is placed on administrative leave, resigns, is nonrenewed, is terminated, or no longer serves the District in an official capacity.

CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSEES

Only a District employee or official who maintains a current license to carry a concealed handgun issued by the State of Texas, in accordance with state law, shall be eligible for authorization to possess a firearm on District property.

A District employee or official who is a concealed handgun license holder but who has not been specifically authorized by Board action under this policy shall not be permitted to possess a firearm on school property except in accordance with the limited provisions of GKA(LOCAL).

TRAINING

Each District employee or official who is authorized to possess a firearm on District property shall be provided additional training in crisis intervention, management of hostage situations, and other topics as the Board may determine necessary or appropriate.

PERMITTED AMMUNITION

Only District-approved ammunition shall be permitted in firearms authorized to be on District property.