



**FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025**

June 18, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: 5.1

TOPIC: Health and Safety Policy #308

BACKGROUND: All school districts that receive health and safety funding are required by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to have a health and safety policy. Specific content of the policy is up to the discretion of the School Board, but it is mandatory to have a policy reviewed and in place for health and safety funding.

PROCESS: The School Board already has such a policy: "School Safety Program #308." The title of this policy should be changed to "Health and Safety Policy #308" and approved during the month of June to comply with MDE requirements.

Later in the upcoming school year, the Policy Committee could review the content if that is desired.

RECOMMENDATION: First Reading: The Administration recommends re-approval of this policy.

SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM

1. The personal health and safety of staff, students and visiting public is of primary concern to the School Board and Administration of School District 831.
2. Safety shall be a paramount consideration in all programs and activities of School District 831. Providing a safe and healthy environment in which to pursue the District's educational program is of such consequence that all members of the staff shall assure it will be given continual priority, support and implementation to the extent necessary. A Comprehensive Safety Program shall be established and maintained to reduce hazards which cause injury to personnel, damage to property, fire or explosion and hazards to health.
3. The Board accepts responsibility for maintaining an effective safety program which shall operate in accordance with administrative regulations establishing the standards that are considered necessary for reasonable protection of Independent School District No. 831 students and personnel. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be designated as the person administratively responsible for the safety program and under his/her direction the District Safety Officer will implement and monitor the District Safety Program.

Adopted: 1/20/81

Reviewed by the Policy Committee: 5/8/97