## SAFETY PROGRAM-POLICY

The Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation is vested in providing a safe and secure environment for students, employees and visitors to any of its facilities. A School Safety Specialist certified by the State of Indiana will be assigned by the Superintendent of Schools and empowered to administer safety and security procedures as adopted by the Board of Trustees.

The School Safety Specialist will establish and preside over a safety committee representing certified and non-certified staff to review and recommend safety and security procedures to the Superintendent as a representative of the Board of School Trustees.

The Board of School Trustees of the Lafayette School Corporation is committed to providing and maintaining a safe, secure, and supportive environment for all students, employees, and visitors across all district facilities. To uphold this commitment, the Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools to appoint a School Safety Specialist who holds current certification as required by the State of Indiana.

The appointed School Safety Specialist shall be responsible for implementing, monitoring, and administering safety and security policies and procedures as formally adopted by the Board of School Trustees. In carrying out these duties, the School Safety Specialist shall chair a district-wide Safety Committee comprised of representatives from both certified and non-certified staff as well as local law enforcement.

The purpose of the Safety Committee shall be to regularly review existing safety protocols, assess emerging safety needs, and recommend appropriate updates or new procedures. All recommendations made by the committee shall be submitted to the Superintendent for consideration, who shall act on behalf of the Board of School Trustees in matters concerning school safety.

This policy reflects the Board's commitment to ensuring a learning and working environment that values the safety and well-being of all, is aligned with best practices, and adheres to applicable state and federal mandates.

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