

Operational Services

Pandemic Preparedness

The School Board recognizes that the District will play an essential role along with the local health department and emergency management agencies in protecting the public's health and safety if an influenza pandemic occurs. A pandemic influenza is a worldwide outbreak of a virus for which there is little or no natural immunity and no vaccine; it spreads quickly to people who have not been previously exposed to the new virus.

To prepare the School District community for a pandemic, the Superintendent or designee shall: (1) learn and understand the roles that the federal, State, and local government would play in an epidemic; (2) form a pandemic planning team consisting of appropriate District personnel and community members to identify priorities and oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive pandemic influenza school action plan; and (3) build awareness of the final plan among staff, students, and community.

Emergency School Closing

In the case of a pandemic, any decision for an emergency school closing will be made by the Superintendent in consultation with and, if necessary, at the direction of the District's local health department, emergency management agencies, and Regional Office of Education.

Building and Grounds Security

The Superintendent shall designate responsibility for maintaining all school buildings in a secure condition before, during and after school hours. The Superintendent shall enlist the cooperation of all staff members in such efforts. Procedures for safe-guarding building keys shall be developed and carefully observed. Exterior door keys shall be issued only to administrators and custodians and other persons according to procedures and regulations developed by the Superintendent.

Vandalism

Appropriate precautions shall be taken to prevent vandalism of school buildings and school district property. Exterior lighting shall be maintained as appropriate to discourage nighttime incidents. The cooperation of neighbors in reporting questionable activities around school buildings shall also be encouraged.

When vandalism has occurred, it shall be reported to the Superintendent. Where appropriate, local law enforcement authorities shall be notified of such incidents. If the person causing the vandalism is apprehended, steps to secure restitution shall be taken, including prosecution where appropriate.

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