

POLICY

2006

Governance & Operations

DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Section 18 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York authorizes boards of education to confer the benefits of §18 of Public Officers Law upon District officers and employees, under certain circumstances, with regard to defense of civil actions or proceedings, state or federal, arising out of alleged acts or omissions occurring or allegedly occurring while the officer or employee was acting within the scope of his or her public employment or duties (except where such civil action or proceedings is brought by or at the behest of the District employing such employee).

The Board is desirous of providing such benefits to the extent permitted by §18 of the Public Officers Law.

The District will provide coverage to the extent authorized by §18 of the Public Officers Law to all District employees as defined in that section, including school board members. This coverage shall supplement, and be available in addition to, defense or indemnification protection conferred by another enactment or from other sources. The Superintendent shall take whatever steps are necessary to obtain appropriate insurance subject to approval of the Board of Education.

Ref: Public Officers Law §18

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