Catskill Central Schools

District Wide Safety Plan
Public Hearing
Board of Education Meeting
August 15, 2018

Presenter:

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Superintendent of Schools

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The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Board and the public with an update regarding the District-Wide Safety Plan and Building Level Emergency Plans.

The NYS Governor's Office enacted the SAVE Legislation in 2001 requiring all schools to develop such plans.

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The District-Wide Safety Plan is a public document, which includes policies and procedures for:

a. Responding to threats;

b. Responding to acts of violence;

c. Appropriate prevention/intervention strategies such as training for security personnel who may be called to de-escalate a potentially violent situation

d. Conflict resolution

e. Contacting law enforcement

f. Contacting parents and/or guardian;

g. School building security

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Dissemination of informative materials regarding early detection of potentially violent behaviors;

Annual school safety training for staff and students;

Protocol for responding to bomb threats, hostage taking, intrusion and kidnapping;

This team must include a representative of the board of education, students, teachers, administrators, parent organizations and other school and school safety personnel. Representatives must be appointed by the board of education

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

DISTRICT WIDE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

The District shall take action to provide written information, by September 15th of each school year, to all students and staff about emergency procedures. All new students and staff will receive trainings and relevant materials within 30 days of entry into the District.

CHIEF EMERGENCY OFFICER

On August 15, 2018, Dr. Ronel Cook will be reappointed by the Board of Education to serve as the Chief Emergency Officer for the 2018-2019 school year.

TRAINING OF PERSONNEL

All newly-hired staff must receive the appropriate multi-hazard and specific incident response team training within 30 days of hire. Staff and students must receive annual training in School Violence Prevention and Mental Health is mandatory.

MANDATED CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF LOCKDOWN DRILLS

We are mandated to perform four lockdown drills instead of two. This is a required by Education Law 807.

NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS

Parents and guardians will be promptly advised of emergencies via School Messenger and the District's website.

VIOLENT INCIDENT PROTOCOL-NOTIFYING CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Child Protective Services has to be notified about the incident for students up to age of sixteen (when appropriate).

Child Protective Services will be informed, if a child requires medical assistance, and he or she has not been taken to the hospital.

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QUESTIONS

COMMENTS

CONCERNS