

SCHOOL BUILDING SAFETY

The Board of Education recognizes that a safe, secure and healthy school environment is necessary to promote effective learning. The Board is committed to ensuring that all school buildings are properly maintained and preserved and provide a suitable educational setting.

Consistent with the requirements of state law and regulations, the Board will:

1. appoint a Health and Safety Committee composed of representation from district administration, school staff, bargaining units and parents which shall perform the functions listed in Policy 8112, Health and Safety Committee;
2. review and approve all annual building inspections and building condition surveys;
3. take immediate action to remedy serious conditions in school buildings affecting health and safety and report such conditions to the Commissioner of Education; and
4. annually review the school facility report card for each building and report in a public meeting on the status of each item contained in the report card. The report card must provide information on a building's age, size enrollment, useful life, safety rating, visual inspection and building condition survey results and other items prescribed by the Commissioner.

The Superintendent of Schools will develop procedures for investigating and resolving complaints related to the health and safety issues in the district's buildings consistent with requirements of state law and regulations.

Cross-Ref.: 6100, Annual Budget
 7100, Facilities Planning
 7365, Construction Safety
 8112, Health and Safety Committee
 8220, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection

Ref: Education Law §§ 409-d (Comprehensive Public School Building Safety Program); 409-e (Uniform Code of Public School Buildings Inspection, Safety Rating and Monitoring)
 8 NYCRR Part 155 (Educational Facilities)
 9 NYCRR Parts 600-1250 (Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code)

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