

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of the participation of district staff and parents in promoting a safe, secure and healthy school environment. In accordance with Commissioner's regulations, the Board will appoint a Health and Safety Committee composed of representation from district officials, staff, bargaining units and parents.

The committee will participate in monitoring the condition of occupied school buildings to assure that they are safe and maintained in a state of good repair. The Superintendent of Schools will ensure that the committee is appropriately involved in all of the activities required by the Commissioner's regulations. Specifically, the committee will:

1. Participate in the investigation and disposition of health and safety complaints.
2. Ensure that at least one member of the committee participates in the annual visual inspection.
3. Consult with district officials in completing safety ratings of all occupied school buildings.
4. Monitor safety during school construction projects including periodic meetings to review issues and address complaints related to health and safety resulting from the project.
5. Upon completion of a construction project, conduct a walk-through inspection to ensure the area is ready to be reopened for use.

Expanded Health and Safety Committee

During construction projects, the Health and Safety Committee will be expanded to include the architect, construction manager and contractor. This expanded committee will:

1. Participate in the investigation and disposition of health and safety complaints regarding the construction or maintenance project.
2. Meet periodically to review issues and address complaints regarding health and safety arising from construction.
3. Monitor safety during construction projects.
4. After the work is completed, conduct a walk-through inspection to confirm that the area is ready to be reopened for use.

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