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DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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State Requirements

Requirement	Required Action	Date	Check when Completed
The District-Wide School Safety Team was **appointed by the Board of Education**.[1]	**Appointed by the Board of Education on**:	7/1/26	☑
The District Chief Emergency Officer is[2]: Dr. Judith LaRocca, Superintendent of Schools, 516-568-6101, JLaRocca@valleystream13.com	**District Chief Emergency Officer Appointed on:**	7/1/26	☑
The District-Wide School Safety Team conducted **annual review and updates** to the District-Wide School Safety Plan:[3]	**Annual Review and Updates completed on:**	4/14/26	☑
The District-Wide School Safety Plan was **made available for public comment** at least thirty days prior to its adoption by the Board of Education**:**[4] It is recommended that a **DRAFT** version of the plan be **posted on the district website for the 30-day comment period** (watermark is suggested):	**Public Comment Period 1** **Start Date: June 1, 2026** **Public Comment Period 2** **End Date: June 30, 2026**	6/1/26 6/30/26	☑
At least one **public hearing** that provided for the participation of school personnel, parents, students, and any other interested parties, was held prior to adoption of the plan.[5]	**Date of Public Hearing/Adoption (**by September 1st**):**	8/25/26	☑
District-wide plan must be **submitted to the commissioner** within 30 days after its adoption, and no later than October 1st.[6]	District plan submitted in the NYSED business portal **(**no later than October 1st**):**		☐
The date the **Board Adopted District-Wide School Safety Plan was posted on District Website:**[7] Within 30 days from adoption and no later than October 1st.	**Date Posted (**no later than October 1st**):**		☐

[1] 155.17(b)(14) District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the board of education, the chancellor in the case of New York City, or other governing board.
[2] 155.17(c)(1)(xix) the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent's designee, as the district chief emergency officer
[3] 155.17(a) Each district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plan shall be reviewed by the appropriate school safety team on at least an annual basis, and updated as needed.
[4] 155.17(c)(3)(i) Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body shall make each district-wide safety plan available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption.
[5] 155.17(c)(3)(i) Such district-wide plans may be adopted by the school board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested parties.
[6] 155.17(c)(3)(i) Each district shall submit its district-wide safety plan and all amendments to such plan to the commissioner, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, within 30 days after its adoption. Commencing with the 2019- 2020 school year, such district-wide plans must be submitted no later than October 1, 2019, and each subsequent October 1st thereafter.
[7] District-wide School Safety Plan Self-Assessment and Planning Tool, Within 30 days from adoption, and no later than October 1, each district must post their District-Wide Safety Plan on their district website. The URL must be submitted to the Education Department to comply with the requirement that the plan be submitted to the Commissioner within 30 days from adoption.

	[ADD URL] of District-wide School Safety Plan on District Website **URL was verified/checked to be sure the link is working**		
Date **training** was provided to staff on **Building-level Emergency Response Plans, school violence prevention, mental health and sudden cardiac arrest,** specifically covering how to recognize sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening health emergencies and the procedures outlined in the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan, by **September 15th**, within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner. [8]	**Date of Training:**	8/31/26 9/1/26	☑

[8] 155.17(c)(1)(xiii) policies and procedures for annual multi-hazard school safety training for staff and students, provided that the district must certify to the commissioner that all staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 and each subsequent September 15th thereafter on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner;

Section I General Considerations and Planning Guidelines

Purpose

Emergencies in schools are defined as undesirable events that occur and have the potential to cause injury or illness to members of our school community or disrupt the orderly educational process. They range from acts of bullying or harassment to catastrophic natural or man-made events. Emergency management is the discipline of dealing with and avoiding risks. It is a discipline that involves preparing for an emergency situation or disaster before it occurs as well as supporting and rebuilding from the emergency after natural or human-made disasters have occurred.

Emergency management in our schools is the continuous process by which our staff, students, administrators, parents, school groups, emergency responders and our community manages hazards in an effort to avoid or mitigate the impact of disasters resulting from hazards. Preventive measures and good planning will reduce the likelihood that emergencies will occur and allow us to address those that do in an expeditious and effective manner.

Districts are required to develop district-wide school safety and emergency management plans designed to prevent and effectively manage such events to minimize the effects of serious incidents and emergencies. These plans also facilitate the coordination of the District with local and county plans and resources when incidents and emergencies occur.

The Valley Stream 13 district-wide plan is responsive to the needs of all schools in the District and is consistent with the more detailed building-level emergency plans. Districts are vulnerable to a wide variety of acts of violence; and natural and manmade disasters. To address these threats, the State of New York has enacted the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E.) law. Project S.A.V.E. is a comprehensive planning effort that addresses prevention, response, and recovery with respect to a variety of emergencies in schools. The Valley Stream 13 School District supports the S.A.V.E legislation. As such, the Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education and the entire District staff encourages and advocates an ongoing district-wide cooperation in support of Project S.A.V.E.

In July 2025, the New York State Legislature passed Desha's Law, which requires schools to develop and implement Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERPs) to address sudden cardiac arrest incidents at any school site owned or operated by the District and at the location of any school-sponsored event, including athletic events. In accordance with this law, CERPs have been developed and are incorporated into each confidential Building-level Emergency Response Plan.

The District ensures that these plans provide for the recognition of sudden cardiac arrest and similar life-threatening health emergencies, the use and accessibility of automated external defibrillators (AEDs), coordination with local emergency medical services, response at school-sponsored events

including athletic activities, and staff training aligned with nationally recognized, evidence-based guidance such as that of the American Heart Association.

Superintendent's Directive

Dr. Judith LaRocca, or Designee (see State Requirements), will serve as the District's Chief Emergency Officer (CEO)[9] whose duties shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement, and other first responders;[10]
2. Leading the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans;[11]
3. Ensuring staff understanding of the district–wide school safety plan;[12]
4. Ensuring the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building.[13] The CEO will require each building principal to maintain a Building-level Emergency Response Plan in compliance with Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.17(2). Each plan should be updated annually with the assistance of the Building-level Emergency Response Team (BERT). The plan shall provide for lockdown, secure lockout, sheltering, evacuation (evacuate), early dismissal, fire and other emergency planning including sudden Cardiac Arrest, and notification (when necessary) to students and staff, annual drills and exercises, and coordination with local and county emergency preparedness administrators. These plans shall be submitted to the District's Safety Team for annual approval and incorporation into the overall District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan.
5. Assisting in the selection of security related technology and development of procedures for the use of such technology;[14]
6. Coordination of appropriate safety, security, and emergency training for district and school staff, including required training in the district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plan;[15]
7. Ensuring the conduct of required evacuation and lockdown drills in a trauma-informed, developmentally, and age-appropriate manner that does not include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency in all district buildings as required by Education Law section 807; [16] and

[9] 155.17(1)(c)(xix) the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent's designee, as the district chief emergency officer whose duties shall include, but not be limited to:

[10] 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(a) coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement, and other first responders;

[11] 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(b) lead the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans

[12] 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(c) ensure staff understanding of the district–wide school safety plan

[13] 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(d) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building

[14] 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(e) assist in the selection of security related technology and development of procedures for the use of such technology

[15] 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(f) coordinate appropriate safety, security, and emergency training for district and school staff, including required training in the district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response [plan] plan(s);

[16] 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(g) ensure the conduct of required evacuation and lock-down drills in all district buildings as required by Education Law section 807

8. Ensuring the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans by the dates designated by the commissioner.[17]
9. Ensures protocols for responding to a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease are substantially consistent with the provisions of Section 27-C of the Labor Law.

Identification of School Teams

The District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan was developed pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation 155.17(b)(13) and NYS Education Law 2801-a[18]. At the direction of the Board of Education and under the direction of the Superintendent, a District-wide Safety Team will be utilized for emergency management within the District[19]. The Safety Team shall include, but is not limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel and other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors.

At the discretion of the board of education, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team. [20] If the Board appoints or selects a student to participate on the safety team, in accordance with Regulation 155.17(b)(14) and EL 2801-A(4), no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed.

The duties of the team shall include the development, review, and update of the District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan in compliance with Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.17. The District Safety Team should meet regularly throughout the year to conduct the following business:

1. Assess and review the District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan annually.

2. Make any necessary recommendations regarding emergency operations, planning, procedures, and/or protocols.

3. Conduct training sessions as necessary.

4. Meet with, oversee, and help guide the Building-Level Emergency Response Planning Teams at each school as necessary.

5. Meet as needed with the District's Emergency Management Consultant to review protocols and procedures as well as receive training and instruction.

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[17] 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(h) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans by the dates designated by the commissioner

[18] 2801-a Each district-wide school safety team shall be appointed by the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the city school district of the city of New York, and shall include but not be limited to representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors.

[19] 155.17(b)(14) District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the Board of Education, the chancellor in the case of New York City, or other governing board. The district-wide team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and parent organization bus drivers and monitors, school safety personnel and other school personnel.

[20] 155.17(b)(14)/2801-A(4) At the discretion of the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the city of New York, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team, provided however, that no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be share with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed.

6. Meet with local government and emergency service organization officials to develop procedures for obtaining guidance and for emergency situations that exceed the expertise and/or resources of the District. These procedures may then be incorporated into the District's Emergency Management Plan.

7. Conduct all other business as deemed necessary.

District Safety Team[21]

Members listed here may be removed from the "additional emergency numbers" table

REQUIRED MEMBERS	NAME	TITLE	OFFICE PHONE
School Board	Andrew Sgro	Board Trustee	5165686100
Teacher	Kevin Olsen	Phys. Ed. Teacher Howell Road School	5165686130
Administrator(s)	Dr. Judith LaRocca	Superintendent	5165686101
	Gary Gentles	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations	5165686110
Parent Organization	Michelle Cardinal	Inter-school PTA President	5165866100
School Safety Personnel	Joseph Napolitano	Director of Security	5165686222
Bus Driver*			
Bus Monitor*			
*Student (optional)			
Other School Personnel (below)			

[21]155.17(b)(14) District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the board of education, the chancellor in the case of New York City, or other governing board. The district-wide team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors. At the discretion of the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the City of New York, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team, provided however, that no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed.

The District is serviced by seven (7) different contracted bus companies. Despite attempts to assign a bus driver and monitor to the District-wide school safety team, said members have been unable to be assigned.

	Dr. Karen Jason	Psychologists Willow Road School	5165686649
	Dr. Jennifer Leest	Psychologist Wheeler Avenue School	5165686144
	Jamey Schechter	Social Worker Willow Road School	5165686644
	Sabrina Galeotafiore	Social Worker Wheeler Avenue School	5165686040
	Darren Gruen	Principal James A. Dever School	5165686120
	Carolann Jaffe	Nurse James A. Dever School	5165686123
	Nicole Arcario	Special Education James A. Dever School	5165686120
	Tara Gunzel	Special Education James A. Dever School	5165686120
	Jasmine Shepherd	Principal Howell Road School	5165686130
	Vanessa Kelly	Grade 2 Teacher Howell Road School	5165686130
	Adrianne Mehan	Special Education Howell Road School	5165686130
	Jacqueline Schimmenti	Grade 6 Teacher Howell Road School	5165686130
	Lisa Ellis	Grade 6 Teacher Howell Road School	5165686130
	Elizabeth Reyes	Nurse Howell Road School	5165686133
	Frank Huplosky	Principal Wheeler Avenue School	5165686140
	Janet Miller	Phys. Ed. Teacher Wheeler Avenue School	5165686140

	Diane Corr	Grade 2 Teacher Wheeler Avenue School	5165686140
	Theresa O'Sullivan	Nurse Wheeler Avenue School	5165686143
	Cindy Gervasi	Principal Willow Road	5165686640
	Peter Gatto	Phys. Ed. Teacher Willow Road	5165686640
	Elias Gaston	Phys. Ed. Teacher Willow Road	5165686640
	D'meriah Cuavers	Psychologist Willow Road	5165686657
	Janice Buontempo	Secretary Willow Road	5165686640
	Audrey Carrott	Nurse Willow Road	5165686643
Before/After-School Program Director	Courtney Hindes	Program Director - Right at School	8552872466

Concepts of Operation

1. The District-wide School Safety and Emergency Management Plan will be directly linked to individual Building-level Emergency Response Plans for each school. Protocols developed in the District-wide School Safety and Emergency Management Plan will guide the development and implementation of Building-level Emergency Response Plans.

2. All District building plans have been standardized to the extent possible so that leadership decisions are consistent and leaders may be interchangeable as necessary. The training and expectations set at the district level are applicable to all building team members.

3. In the event of an emergency or violent incident, the initial response at an individual school will be by the Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team.

4. Once the Superintendent and/or their designee are notified, the District Emergency Response Team may be mobilized to respond, and when appropriate, local emergency officials will be notified. All will follow the emergency management protocols and practices outlined in the National Incident

Management System (NIMS) and will practice Incident Command System (ICS) techniques to better manage these events.

Plan Review & Public Comment

1. The District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan shall be monitored and maintained by the District Safety Team. The District Safety Team shall review the plan annually before making it available for a 30-day comment period, a public hearing, and, finally, adoption by the Board of Education before September 1st of each year.[22]

2. On June 23, 2022, Governor Hochul signed Alyssa's Law, Chapter 227 of the Laws of 2022 (Chapter 227) which became effective immediately. Chapter 227 amends Education Law § 2801-a to require that district-wide school safety teams of public schools, boards of cooperative educational services, and county vocational education extension boards consider the usefulness of silent panic alarm systems when reviewing and amending district-wide safety plans. The District has considered the installation of these panic systems at each school building.[23]

3. Building-level Emergency Response Plans shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure under Article 6 of the Public Officers Law or any other provision of law in accordance with Education Law Section 2801-a.

4. Full copies of the District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan and any amendments will be submitted to the New York State Education Department within 30 days of adoption and no later than October 1st each year.

5. The Board of Education must formally adopt the District-wide Plan pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation, Section 155.17(c)(3).[24] This plan will be made available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption.

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[22] 155.17(a) By September first of each school year, every board of education of a school district, every board of cooperative educational services and county vocational education and extension board, and the chancellor of the City School District of the City of New York shall adopt a comprehensive district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plans regarding crisis intervention and emergency response and management, and commencing with the 2023-2024 school year district-wide school safety plans shall include plans for the provision of remote instruction during any emergency school closure, provided that in the City School District of the City of New York, such plans shall be adopted by the chancellor of the city school district.

[23] EL 2081-A(f) District-wide school safety teams shall consider, as part of its reviews of the comprehensive district-wide safety plan, the installation of a panic alarm system. For purposes of this paragraph, "panic alarm system" shall mean a silent security system signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-threatening or emergency situation requiring a response from local law enforcement or, in the case of a school building located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police department, a location designated by the superintendent of state police and may include one or more of the following: wired panic button or buttons, wireless panic button or buttons or a mobile or computer application; The New York State Register, December 2022, https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/12/122822.pdf (page 12)

[24] 155.17(c)(3)(i) Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body shall make each district-wide safety plan available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption. Such district-wide plans may be adopted by the school board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested parties. Each district shall submit its district-wide safety plan and all amendments to such plan to the commissioner, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner, within 30 days after its adoption. Commencing with the 2019-2020 school year, such district-wide plans must be submitted no later than October 1, 2019, and each subsequent October 1st thereafter.

6. Building-level Emergency Response Plans will be supplied to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the State Police by October 1st of each year or within 30 days of adoption.[25]

Section II Risk Reduction/Prevention and Intervention

Prevention and Intervention Strategies[26]

The District utilizes a variety of intervention strategies to reduce risk and prevent critical incidents.

1. The District utilizes a trained multidisciplinary District-wide Threat Assessment Team (a.k.a. Behavioral Assessment Teams) to evaluate threats and implement the appropriate mitigation strategies. The District provides support and record keeping for the activities of each team.

2. The District Safety Team may utilize table top exercises to discuss their roles during an emergency and their responses to a sample emergency situation.[27]

3. Any utilized school security personnel are trained annually with the assistance of one or more of the following collaborative relationships:

    - Emergency Responders
    - Regional BOCES
    - District Consultants

4. Training for school staff working in an incident control capacity may include:

    - Individual and group de-escalation techniques
    - Non-violent conflict resolution skills and
    - Peer mediation

[25]155.17 (c)(3)(ii) Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body or officer shall ensure that each building-level emergency response plan and any amendments thereto, is submitted to the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the State Police within 30 days of its adoption, but no later than October 1 for the 2020-2021 school year and each October 1st thereafter. Building-level emergency response plans shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under Article Six of the Public Officers Law or any other provision of law.

[26] 155.17(c)(1)(iii) appropriate prevention and intervention strategies, such as:(a) collaborative arrangements with State and local law enforcement officials, designed to ensure that school safety officers and other security personnel are adequately trained, including being trained to de-escalate potentially violent situations, and are effectively and fairly recruited;(b) where applicable, the establishment and/or participation of, school or district staff in a multi-disciplinary behavioral assessment team to assess whether certain exhibited behaviors or actions need intervention or other support, including a school or district-level behavioral assessment team or, if available, a county or regional threat assessment team. Where such teams are utilized, the district-wide school safety plan shall describe the school, district, or county team and its purpose, and annual staff training on safety and emergency procedures shall include information regarding the purpose and procedures of such team. (c) nonviolent conflict resolution training programs; (d) peer mediation programs and youth courts; and (e) extended day and other school safety programs.

[27]155.15(4)(1)(xiv)(2) Tabletop exercises may be utilized by school and district safety teams as a training resource and may include a discussion-based activity for staff in an informal classroom or meeting-type setting to discuss their roles during an emergency and their responses to a sample emergency situation.

5. The District may provide de-escalation techniques and nonviolent conflict resolution training to other staff annually. Each building has some staff trained in nonviolent conflict resolution.

6. Training may be available during staff development sessions, on conference days and via on-demand web-based training modules.

7. Procedures relating to building security including utilization of staff and security equipment are as follows:[28]

    - All authorized staff members are expected to carry their classroom/office keys/swipe cards at all times.
    - All staff members are expected to wear District-issued photo identification badges.
    - After the designated start time of the school day, each school will be appropriately secured.
    - All visitors must report to each building's designated single point of entry and sign in before proceeding further into the building.
    - All contractors assigned to work in any building must be screened by security and receive an identification badge, which must be visible at all times when workers are on school property. All deliverables and delivery personnel must first be authorized by the Facilities Department, prior to delivery. An exception for regular food service deliveries may be made after the vendor has been authorized for the school year.
    - The District has executed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with Security Providers as required by NYS Regulation[29].
    - Extended day and other school safety programs - The district school buildings and facilities provide a valuable resource to our students and community after the conclusion of the school day. The following are strategies utilized during after-school hours:
        - To the degree possible, access to areas of the school building is limited to only those needed for activities.
        - Some buildings may use a modified point of entry.

[28] 155.17(c)(1)(xi)(a) policies and procedures relating to school building security, including, where appropriate: (a) the use of school safety or security officers and/or school resource officers. Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, and every school year thereafter, every school shall define the areas of responsibility of school personnel, security personnel and law enforcement in response to student misconduct that violates the code of conduct.

[29] 155.17(c)(1)(xi)(a)/2801-a A school district or charter school that employs, contracts with, or otherwise retains law enforcement or public or private security personnel, including school resource officers, shall establish a written contract or memorandum of understanding that is developed with stakeholder input, including, but not limited to, parents, students, school administrators, teachers,collective bargaining units, parent and student organizations and community members, as well as probation officers, prosecutors, defense counsels and courts that are familiar with school discipline. Such written contract or memorandum of understanding shall define the relationship between a school district or charter school, school personnel, students, visitors, law enforcement, and public or private security personnel. Such contract or memorandum of understanding shall be consistent with the code of conduct, define law enforcement or security personnel's roles, responsibilities and involvement within a school and clearly delegate the role of school discipline to the school administration. Such written contract or memorandum of understanding shall be incorporated into and published as part of the district safety plan.

8. The district has established a comprehensive **Before and After School Programs, Activities, and Events Safety Annex** to safely manage before- and after-school activities and events, including athletic activities and programs, ensuring a secure and welcoming environment for all attendees. These guidelines outline protocols for visitor management, crowd control, emergency preparedness, and coordination with law enforcement as needed. This detailed annex can be found in each confidential Building-level Emergency Response Plan.

9. In compliance with recent legislation establishing a maximum allowable classroom temperature of 88 degrees, the district has adopted a Board of Education-approved Extreme Heat Policy to address high-temperature conditions in school buildings. This policy outlines procedures for monitoring room temperatures, implementing heat mitigation strategies, and relocating students and staff when necessary. In the event of a heat emergency, the district will follow established emergency response protocols, including Evacuation, Shelter-in-Place/Shelter, or Hold-in-Place/Hold, as applicable. The district will also address medical needs, transportation, and emergency notifications to parents and guardians in accordance with its emergency response procedures.

The District continually investigates other security measures and conducts staff development training to ensure schools are as safe as possible. Security measures include:

a. Security personnel
b. Surveillance cameras
c. Door-lock (buzzer) entry systems
d. Portable Radios
e. Alarm Systems
f. Keypad or swipe entry systems
g. Single or limited points of entry

Improving Communication with Students

Each of the schools within the district provides a wealth of school safety-related initiatives aimed at improving communication among students, between students and staff, and between administration and parents or persons in parental relation.[30] These programs may include creating a forum or designating a mentor for students, peer mediation, bullying prevention, conflict resolution, social skills development, managing emotions and components of character education. Students are involved in a wide variety of safety activities through both their classes as well as through work with school counselors, social workers, and school psychologists. By October 1st of each school year, the superintendent and chief school administrator have provided written information to all students and staff about emergency procedures.[31]

[30] 155.17(c)(1)(xvi) strategies for improving communication among students, between students and staff and between administration and parents or persons in parental relation regarding reporting of potentially violent incidents, such as the establishment of youth-run programs, peer mediation, conflict resolution, creating a forum or designating a mentor for students concerned with bullying or violence and establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms for school violence;

[31] 155.17(g) Instruction. Each public school superintendent and each chief school administrator of an educational agency other than a public school shall take action to provide written information, by October 1st of each school year, to all students and staff about emergency procedures.

Each building has established a mechanism for the anonymous reporting of school violence and harassment and has communicated this to students and parents.[32]

The school district's Code of Conduct is accessible to parents and students and reviewed with all students in the beginning of the school year. During the review with students, bullying, discrimination, harassment and violations of the Code of Conduct, along with consequences are discussed.

All staff members are trained in recognizing and effectively dealing with these behaviors, as outlined in the Code of Conduct.

In addition, each school has a wide range of programs and supports that impact school safety. These may include offering a variety of clubs, classroom lessons, small group lessons and/or individual counseling sessions, school-wide meetings, morning meetings in classrooms, assemblies, mindfulness rooms, yoga and movement breaks, and a variety of wellness opportunities.

Reporting Threats or Acts of Violence

Students, staff, parents and others are informed annually about the importance of reporting threats or acts of violence and the procedures of reporting.

The District has developed a system for reporting threats and actual acts of violence. The procedure for reporting is as follows:

- Students are instructed to report threats and acts of violence to staff members.
- Each school has designated a reporting process.
- Staff members are required to report all student referrals to the administration for investigation.
- Staff training programs meet S.A.V.E. requirements. Instruction on issues of school safety is provided to all employees each year.

Training, Drills and Exercises

Drills and Exercises:[33]

General Guidelines for Drills

[32] 155.17(c)(1)(xvi)strategies for improving communication among students, between students and staff and between administration and parents or persons in parental relation regarding reporting of potentially violent incidents, such as the establishment of youth-run programs, peer mediation, conflict resolution, creating a forum or designating a mentor for students concerned with bullying or violence and establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms for school violence;

[33]155.17(c)(1)(xiv) procedures for review and the conduct of drills, tabletop exercises, and information about emergency procedures and drills, including information about procedures and timeframes for notification of parents or persons in parental relation regarding drills and other emergency response training(s) that include students. At their discretion, schools and districts may participate in full-scale exercises in coordination with local and county emergency responders and preparedness officials.

Trauma-Informed Approach: All drills conducted during the school day with students present will be conducted in a trauma-informed, developmentally, and age-appropriate manner. Props, actors, simulations, or tactics mimicking a school shooting, incident of violence, or other emergencies are strictly prohibited.[34] (Effective 7/31/24) The New York State Fire Code requires that the fire alarm be used in an evacuation (evacuate) drill, and it is not considered a prop.

Annual Training: Drills will be conducted only after annual training in emergency procedures has been provided to students and staff.

Varied Scheduling: Drills will be scheduled on different dates, days of the week, and during different times of the school day.[35]

Exclusions for Unplanned Events: Unplanned evacuations or false alarms do not count as a required drill. Evacuations made necessary by the unplanned activation of the fire alarm system or by any other emergency shall not be substituted for a required evacuation (evacuate) drill.[36]

Student/Staff Notification: At the time that drills are conducted, students and staff shall be informed that the activities being conducted are a drill. Provided, however, that students and staff shall not be informed in advance of evacuation (evacuate) drills. (Effective 7/31/24)[37]

Parental Notification: Parents or persons in parental relation will be given advance notice of each drill being conducted within one week prior to the drill.[38] (Effective 7/31/24) Procedures for notifying parents or persons in parental relation will include:

1. **Official Letter or Email**
    - Timing: **Within one week** before the drill.
    - Include the following information:
        - General time frame of the drill
            - (e.g., Sometime the week of [month/date], [school name] will have a [drill type] drill
        - Type of drill (e.g., fire drill, lockdown drill)
        - Purpose of the drill
        - Importance of the drill for student safety
        - Contact information for questions or concerns
2. **Automated Phone Calls and Text Messages**

[34] 155.17(c)(1)(xiv)(1) Drills conducted during the school day with students present shall be conducted in a trauma-informed, developmentally, and age-appropriate manner and shall not include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency.
[35]155.17 (c)(2)(vii)(c) be completed on different dates, days of the week, and during different times of the school day; and
[36] 401.7 New York State Fire code (pg 59)
[37] 155.1(c)(1)(xiv)(2) At the time that drills are conducted, students and staff shall be informed that the activities being conducted are a drill. Provided, however, that students and staff shall not be informed in advance of evacuation drills.
[38] 155.17(c)(2)(vii)(d) parents or persons in parental relations shall be given advance notice of each drill being conducted within one week preceding any such drill.

- Timing: **Within one week** before the drill.
- Use the school's automated messaging system to send a notification.
- Include the following information:
    - General time frame of the drill
        a. (e.g., Sometime the week of [month/date], [school name] will have a [drill type] drill
    - Type of drill (e.g., fire drill, lockdown drill)
    - Purpose of the drill
    - Importance of the drill for student safety
    - Contact information for questions or concerns

3. **Printed Notices**
    - Timing: **Within one week** before the drill.
    - General time frame of the drill
        - (e.g., Sometime the week of [month/date], [school name] will have a [drill type] drill
    - Send printed notices home with students.
    - Include the following information:
        - General timeframe of the drill
        - Type of drill (e.g., fire drill, lockdown drill)
        - Purpose of the drill
        - Importance of the drill for student safety
        - Contact information for questions or concerns
4. **Post-Drill Follow-Up**
    - Timing: Immediately after the drill.
    - Send a follow-up letter or email to parents/guardians summarizing the drill, what went well, and any areas for improvement.
    - Reassure parents that the drill was conducted safely and effectively**.**

Required Drills

Evacuation (Evacuate) Drills: Eight (8) evacuation (evacuate) drills will be conducted each year, with six (6) completed between September 1 and December 31. Four (4) of these drills must involve the use of fire escapes on buildings where fire escapes are provided or other secondary means of egress such as different corridors, hallways, stairways, and exit doors.[39] [40] Students will be instructed in the procedure to be followed in the event that a fire occurs during the lunch period or assembly. This instruction may be waived if a drill is held during the regular school lunch period or assembly[41]

[39] 155.17(h)(i) Four drills shall be through the use of the fire escapes on buildings where fire escapes are provided or through the use of identified secondary means of egress, such as through different corridors, hallways, stairways, and exit doors. Drills shall be conducted at different times of the school day

[40]EL §807.1 four of the required drills must be through use of the fire escapes on buildings where fire escapes are provided or through the use of identified secondary means of egress

[41]155.17(h)(ii) Pupils shall be instructed in the procedure to be followed if an emergency occurs during a lunch period or assembly, provided however, that such additional instruction may be waived where a drill is held during the regular school lunch period or assembly.

Lockdown Drills: Four (4) lockdown drills will be conducted annually, with two (2) completed between September 1 and December 31.

Emergency Dismissal Drill: One (1) emergency dismissal drill will be conducted to test early dismissal procedures, occurring no more than 15 minutes before the normal dismissal time. Parents will be notified of these drills at least one week prior. Transportation Officials and District staff may also take place in conducting an evaluation of this drill. This drill also allows the District to test the usefulness of the communications and transportation system during emergencies.[42]

Additional Evacuation (Evacuate) Drill Requirements

Summer School: At least two (2) additional drills are required in buildings used for summer school, with one (1) drill held during the first week.

After-School Programs, Events, and Performances: For after-school programs, events or performances conducted within a school building that include persons who do not regularly attend classes in the building, the principal or other person in charge of the building must require the teacher or person in charge of the after-school program, event or performance notify attendees of the procedures to be followed in an emergency.[43]

Before- and After-School Safety Planning: Consistent with guidance from the New York State Education Department, the District's emergency response planning applies to school buildings and grounds during before-school and after-school programs, extracurricular activities, and school-sponsored events. Safety planning for these periods considers differences in supervision, staffing, student movement, and building use that may occur outside of regular instructional hours. Procedures address communication, student accountability, coordination with transportation, and coordination with emergency responders, as appropriate. Detailed, site-specific procedures for before- and after-school activities are maintained within each school's confidential Building-Level Emergency Response Plan and are implemented in coordination with designated staff and program leaders.

Optional Drills

Shelter-in-Place/Shelter and/or Secure Lockout Drills: While not required, each school in the District may conduct Shelter-in-Place/Shelter and/or Secure Lockout drills in addition to those drills required by New York State regulation. The appropriate Police Department may, upon mutual agreement with the District, participate in some or all of the drills and offer feedback regarding the effectiveness of these drills.

[42] 155.17(h)(3) Emergency Dismissal drills shall test the usefulness of the communications and transportation system during emergencies.

[43] 807.1-a for after-school programs, events or performances conducted within a school building and include persons who do not regularly attend classes in the building, the principal or other person in charge of the building must require the teacher or person in charge of the after-school program, event or performance notify attendees of the procedures to be followed in an emergency.

Full Scale Exercises: The district may opt to conduct functional exercises with emergency response agencies to involve staff, students and parents in realistic drills. Exercises that include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency may not be conducted on a regular school day and when school activities such as athletics are occurring on school grounds. Such exercises may not include students without written consent from parents or persons in parental relation.[44]

The district does not plan to conduct functional exercises with emergency response agencies that involve staff, students, and parents in drills using props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency. If this policy were to change in the future, any such exercises would not be conducted on a regular school day or when school activities such as athletics are occurring on school grounds. Additionally, no students would participate in these exercises without written consent from parents or persons in parental relation.

Training and Review Processes

Training for Students: Prior to the first annual drill, staff shall review emergency response procedures and drill requirements with students during class time, providing an opportunity for students to ask questions about any unclear procedures.

Age-appropriate student instruction shall also include awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest, including how to recognize a medical emergency, the importance of promptly notifying an adult, awareness of where automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are located within the building, and an understanding of which staff members are authorized to use AEDs.

Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team and District Administration Team Training: Each Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team and representatives of the District administration engage in tabletop exercises facilitated by the district's emergency management consultant. Emergency response agencies are encouraged to participate in these exercises.[45]

Drill Review and Protocol Updates: In addition to post-drill debriefings conducted by each building-level emergency response planning team, each building will complete a drill evaluation form that will be submitted to the district-wide safety team for periodic review, which includes observations from the drill as well as any additional feedback obtained from building personnel. Changes to procedures are made as needed. The district-wide safety team should evaluate communications and transportation systems during emergencies.[46]

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[44] 155.17(c)(1)(xiv)(4) Schools and districts that opt to participate in full-scale exercises in conjunction with local and county emergency responders and preparedness officials that include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency shall not conduct such exercises on a regular school day or when school activities such as athletics are occurring on school grounds. Such exercises may not include students without written consent from parents or persons in parental relation.

[45] 155.17(c)(1)(xiv)(3) Tabletop exercises may be utilized by school and district safety teams as a training resource and may include a discussion-based activity for staff in an informal classroom or meeting-type setting to discuss their roles during an emergency and their responses to a sample emergency situation.

[46] 155.17(h)(3) Emergency Dismissal drills shall test the usefulness of the communications and transportation system during emergencies.

Local Emergency Responder Involvement: The appropriate Fire and Police Departments may, upon mutual agreement with the District, participate in some or all evacuation (evacuate) and lockdown drills, offering feedback on the effectiveness of building evacuation during a fire and the overall effectiveness of lockdown procedures.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest: Annual training provided to staff shall include how to recognize sudden cardiac arrest or similar life threatening health emergencies and the specific procedures outlined in the cardiac-emergency response plan, in alignment with state law and nationally recognized evidence-based practices such as those recommended by the American Heart Association.

Special Provisions

Building Occupants with Special Needs: Prior to the commencement of each school year, the Building-Level Emergency Response Planning Team shall conduct an inventory of any special needs students. Appropriate accommodations for the school year will be incorporated into each Building-Level Emergency Response Plan.

Access and Functional Needs: Building-specific procedures addressing the access and functional needs of students, staff, and visitors are maintained in each school's confidential Building-Level Emergency Response Plan. These procedures are integrated into the applicable emergency response annexes and address considerations such as mobility limitations, medical needs, medication access, medical equipment, service animals, personal assistance requirements, and other access or functional needs that may impact response actions during evacuation, shelter-in-place, hold-in-place, secure lockout, lockdown, and other emergency conditions. Such procedures are developed, reviewed, and updated by the Building-Level Emergency Response Team in accordance with Commissioner's Regulation §155.17, district policy, and applicable privacy and civil rights requirements.

Communication

Staff Information: Information about drills will be included in the teacher's manual or handbook as mandated by Education Law §807.2.

A summary of drill procedures are detailed in each of the Building-Level Emergency Response Plans.

Staff Development Training:

All general staff shall receive training on District-wide procedures as well as specific procedures contained within their respective Building-Level Emergency Response Plan. Beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, this training shall also include components of Sudden Cardiac Arrest, including how to recognize the signs of Sudden Cardiac Arrest, initiate appropriate emergency response actions, and understand the location of automated external defibrillators (AEDs), consistent with Education Law §2801-a(2), as amended by Chapter 189 of the Laws of 2025. This training shall occur prior to September

15 of each school year or within 30 days of joining the District and may be conducted during a staff development day in August, online, or through a combination of both.[47]

The District will provide advanced training for each Building-Level Emergency Response Planning Team (BERT) and District-wide Safety Team annually. Effective July 1, 2025, the training will include a description of the roles and responsibilities of the Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team, the building-level Incident Command System including the roles and responsibilities of designated staff, and the building level-emergency response plan procedures for implementing the following required emergency response terms: shelter, hold, evacuate, secure lockout, and lockdown. The required training shall also include the procedures for conducting drills, including whether classrooms will be released from lockdown by law enforcement or school or district administrators during drills, and the district and building policies, procedures, and programs related to safety including those which include components on violence prevention and mental health.[48]

Additional training includes but is not limited to:

- De-escalation training
- Warning signals for violence and mental health concerns
- Non-violent conflict resolution
- Student School Emergency Response Procedures Training

Proactive Building Security Measures

1. The District buildings use limited points of entry. All doors are locked. Signs are in place directing visitors to sign-in at the reception desk at each school. Main doors are controlled by remote "buzzer" entry during normal school hours.

2. All schools have greeters or office staff members just inside the entrance to each school in the District. These individuals ensure visitor sign-in procedures and help supervise building traffic flow. The building principals are responsible for supervision of the greeters and other staff.

3. Staff members are required to wear visible identification badges.

4. Visitors are required to sign in and wear visitor identification.

5. Visitor access is limited to specific areas of the school building.

[47]155.17(c)(1)(xiii) policies and procedures for annual multi-hazard school safety training for staff and students, provided that the district must certify to the commissioner that all staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 and each subsequent September 15th thereafter on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner;
**Please note, the terminology in this paragraph has been pulled directly from the law language, and therefore the terminology remains shelter, hold, evacuate, secure lockout, and lockdown.
[48]155.17(2)(xiii) https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/424p12d2.pdf

Vital Educational Information[49]

Information on each building's student and staff, transportation needs, and the telephone numbers of key officials are outlined in each Building-level Emergency Response Plan. The purpose of including such information in the Building-level plan is to ensure coordination or coverage in the event of a serious incident.

Early Detection of Potentially Dangerous Behavior [50]

This section contains the District policy and procedure for disseminating information regarding early detection of potentially dangerous behavior.

1. A "plain language" summary of the District's Code of Conduct is provided to all students in the District at the start of every school year to ensure that all students understand acceptable behavior in the school setting. The Code of Conduct delineates, among other behavior, lack of tolerance for harassment, discrimination, bullying and violence.

2. A "plain language" summary of the District's Code of Conduct is mailed or emailed to all parents/guardians of students in the District at the start of each school year, and is disseminated at the time of registration thereafter.

3. All new employees will be provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct at the time of hire. All teachers and other staff members will be provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct annually.

4. Efforts are made on the building level in each of the District's schools to identify, prevent, and resolve potentially dangerous behavior at the earliest possible stage. Teams meet regularly in each building in order to work with classroom staff in identifying and preventing potentially dangerous behavior. School counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, nurses, outside agencies (when appropriate), administrators, teachers, bus drivers and monitors, parents/guardians and students may be involved in this process.

5. District students at all grade levels participate in instruction guided by evidence-based violence prevention/intervention programs. Elements of these programs support students in identifying potentially violent or problematic situations with peers and in developing strategies to address these such as reporting to an adult.

[49] 155.17(2)(ix)Except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the chief executive officer of each educational agency located within a public school district shall provide to the superintendent of schools information about school population, number of staff, transportation needs and the business and home telephone numbers of key officials of such educational agencies.
[50]155.17(c)(1)(xii) policies and procedures for the dissemination of informative materials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors, including but not limited to the identification of family, community, and environmental factors to teachers, administrators, school personnel including bus drivers and monitors, parents [and] or other persons in parental relation to students of the school district or board, students and other persons deemed appropriate to receive such information;

6. Secondary health curricula incorporate information regarding emotional health, the impact of drugs and alcohol on an individual's behavior, and on responsible decision-making.

7. Each of the District's school psychologists/social workers may facilitate counseling groups for identified students around issues related to poor social skills development, managing emotions, and good decision-making.

8. Certified and noncertified staff members working with students who have been identified by the Committee on Special Education as being at-risk for engaging in violent behaviors receive annual training in crisis prevention and intervention.
9. The District may work in collaboration with building-level and District-wide PTAs to offer parents/guardians information regarding early-warning signs of potentially dangerous and/or violent behavior, as well as a forum to discuss specific parental concerns.

Police Agencies

The District buildings fall within the jurisdiction of the following police departments:

Agency	Phone Number
Nassau County- 5th Precinct	516- 573-6500
Nassau County PD	516-573-8800
New York State Police	516-743-4184

Hazard Identification

Identification of Potentially Dangerous or Hazardous Sites:

Each school will identify and locate areas of potential emergencies in and around its building. The Director of Facilities and building custodians will locate these sites.

1. These sites are to include electrical, gas, heating, ventilation, water supply and sewage systems locations and shut-off valves. Local fire department personnel have and will continue to participate in these efforts.

2. These sites of potential emergencies will be listed in each Building-level Emergency Response Plan supplied to police, fire, emergency management services, and District personnel.

3. Potentially dangerous sites indicated below that are contained within school property and under the jurisdiction of the school district, will be checked regularly and inspected by building safety personnel on a regular schedule, at least annually. They include but are not limited to:

    - Electrical panels/shut-offs

- Gas lines/shut-off
- Gas appliances
- Heating plant
- Sewage system
- Structural failure
- HVAC
- Water supply/shut-off
- Chemical storage and cleaning supplies
- Paper supply storage
- Industrial arts room
- Science rooms and labs
- Isolated areas near the school
- Nearby aqueduct, streams, ponds, rivers (flooding)
- Steep areas near school
- Unprotected exterior gas/electric, air conditioning supplies or equipment
- Playground equipment

School Safety Personnel Allocations, Hiring, Duties, and Training[51]

Private Security

This plan includes contracts or memoranda of understanding that define the relationship between the district, personnel, students, visitors, law enforcement, and public or private security personnel. These contracts or memoranda are consistent with the Code of Conduct, and define the roles, responsibilities, and involvement in the schools of law enforcement or security personnel. The role of school discipline is delegated to school administration.

Security Allocations

A. At each elementary school, there is a single point of entry for visitors at each building and visitors to the school must be buzzed into the building, sign in and receive an identification badge issued by a security guard or greeter. Staff in the building all wear district-produced identification badges which must be worn at all times.

Hiring

The interviewing and hiring of safety personnel follows the district's practices for hiring of new staff. All new staff employed by the District must be fingerprinted in order to be employed.

Duties and Training

[51] 155.17(c)(1)(xvii) a description of the duties of hall monitors and any other school safety personnel, the training required of all personnel acting in a school security capacity, and the hiring and screening process for all personnel acting in a school security capacity;

Greeters

- contracted personnel at each elementary school
- buildings are staffed during regular school hours
- primarily responsible for enforcement of the visitor protocols
- deter and report unlawful activity
- provide escorts for parents and students when needed

School Aides

- staffed at each elementary school
- actively monitor the building and support the staff with student safety and traffic
- provide student supervision
- check that school procedures are being adhered to
- guide the arrival, dismissal and recess processes

School Security Guards

- some are former law enforcement
- staffed during regular school hours and after school programs at each elementary school as well as for special events in the evening
- enforce our visitor policy as well as actively monitor the building and support the staff with student safety and traffic
- perform perimeter patrols
- detection of hazards

Required training includes:

- Site-specific training including review of all manuals (e.g., school district policies, etc.)
- Operation of Visitor Management System and visitor management protocols
- Situational awareness as it relates specifically to the elementary school environment

Section III Response

Notification and Activation - Internal and External Communications

Internal

After receiving the information from the Incident Commander at the scene, an email will be sent from the Superintendent's office to all administrators and administrative offices alerting them to the nature and status of any incident in the district. The mass communication system may be used to provide information as deemed appropriate by the Incident Commander. Portable radios will also be used when possible.

External

Anyone with knowledge of an emergency event is encouraged to immediately call 911.

The District's mass communication system will be used to provide information to parents/guardians and emergency contacts. The District website may also be used to provide updated information throughout an incident as deemed appropriate by the Incident Commander. Schools may also use their websites, groups, and hotlines for announcements or updates as directed by the Incident Commander.

When an emergency requires notification of parents and students, the Superintendent or his designee will provide updated information to parents and students through the emergency notification system. Additional information may also be found on the District's website: https://valleystream13.com/

During an emergency, all contact with the media will be handled either by the Superintendent or their designee. The media and public will be informed and updated as soon as practicable on all developments in statements released by the Superintendent or their designee. Students, staff and parents should refer all questions and requests for information to the Superintendent in order to assure the release of factual and current information. The Superintendent may refer such requests to the Public Information Officer for response.

By definition, emergency events are unforeseen and unpredictable. The safety of students and staff is the primary focus of all activities surrounding an emergency event. Every effort will be made to contact parents and the general public once the situation has stabilized.

Situational Responses

Multi-Hazard Response

In the event of an emergency, a Command Center will be set up at a safe location in collaboration with emergency responders. Each building has specific plans for dealing with a wide range of hazards.

Specific response procedures are sensitive in nature and therefore are contained within each confidential building-level emergency response plan.

In each emergency, the building's administrator will contact the District office for assistance. The District office will provide support as appropriate and deemed necessary by the Incident Commander on the scene (i.e. sending additional mental health resources). The Superintendent or their designee will be the sole contact person for releasing information to the media and for communicating the status of the emergency with other District schools, out-of-district schools, private schools, and outside agencies.[52]

Response Protocols

Written information on emergency response procedures is disseminated to parents, age-appropriate students and staff via email by October 1st annually. This non-sensitive information may also be found on the district website.[53]

School Cancellation

- The Superintendent or their designee will monitor any situation that may warrant a school cancellation and will make the determination to do so.
- The Public Information Officer will activate use of the District's mass communication system.
- The Public Information Officer will contact local media, post the information on the website and social media sites utilized by the District.

Early Dismissal

- The Superintendent or their designee will monitor any situation that may warrant an early dismissal and will make the determination to do so.
- The Operations Chief will designate people to arrange transportation for students.
- The Public Information Officer will activate use of the District's mass communication system.
- The Public Information Officer will contact local media, post the information on the website and social media sites utilized by the District.
- The Liaison Officer will notify each of the building principals.

Evacuation (Evacuate)

- The Superintendent or their designee will determine the level of the threat.
- The Operations Chief will contact the transportation supervisor to arrange transportation. They will also arrange for student-parent reunification.
- The Safety Officer will clear all evacuation routes and sites prior to evacuation
- Principal(s) will evacuate all staff and students to prearranged evacuation sites as outlined in building plans. They will report to the superintendent or their designee any missing staff or students.

[52] 155.17(c)(1)(xviii) in the case of a school district, except in a school district in a city having more than one million inhabitants, a system for informing all educational agencies within such school district of a disaster;
[53] 155.17(g)Each public school superintendent and each chief school administrator of an educational agency other than a public school shall take action to provide written information, by October 1st of each school year, to all students and staff about emergency procedures.

Shelter-in-Place/Shelter Sites (internal and external)

- The Superintendent or their designee will determine the level of the threat and communicate with building principal(s) who are affected by the emergency.
- Principal(s) will move all staff and students to pre-arranged shelter-in-place/shelter sites as outlined in building plans. They will report any missing staff or students.
- The Logistics Chief will make appropriate arrangements for human needs in the event of a long-term situation.

Protocols for Responding to Bomb Threats, Hostage-takings, Intruders, Abduction, and Other Emergency Situations[54]

The District has procedures and provides training for emergencies. Specific response steps are confidential and contained within each Building-level Emergency Response Plan. Emergencies include but are not limited to the following situations.

- Abduction/Kidnapping
- Armed Intruders / Active Shooters
- Bomb Threats
- Cyber Security Annex
- Early or Alternate Emergency Dismissal
- Earthquakes
- Explosions
- Fires
- Hazardous Material Incident
- Homeland Security Threats
- Hostage Situations
- Infectious Disease
- Missing Child/Elopement
- Severe Weather
- Student-Made Threats
- Swatting
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Suicidal Students
- Suspicious Package Protocol

[54] 155.17(c)(1)(xv) the identification of appropriate responses to emergencies, including protocols for responding to bomb threats, hostage-takings, intrusions and kidnappings;

- Suspicious Persons

Responses to Implied or Direct Threats of Violence[55]

1. Students are required to inform school staff about any direct or indirect threat of violence or actual act of violence to themselves, others or school property.

2. Staff members are required to immediately inform the Principal or their designee of any direct or implied threat of violence or actual act of violence by students, teachers, or other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors as well as visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which shall include suicide. The Principal or their designee decides whether to utilize the building's trained clinician(s) in an effort to de-escalate or defuse the situation.

3. The district disseminates educational material, including but not limited to emails and formal brochure, encouraging parents and visitors to tell school staff about any direct or implied threat of violence or actual acts of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves.

4. After considering the specificity/generality of the threat or severity of the violent act, the Principal or their designee will determine whether to immediately contact the Superintendent of Schools or the Assistant Superintendent to advise them of the threat, obtain assistance to determine the severity of the threat or report the violent act. The Principal will have the discretion to report minor incidents to the Superintendent verbally and/or in memorandum form after the situation has been resolved.

5. Each building has the availability of a Threat Assessment Team. This is a multi-disciplinary team that uses a nationally recognized evidence-based model to evaluate threats and implement the necessary mitigation steps to help prevent a threat from escalation to an act of violence.

6. The building administrator will investigate reported threats of violence and will make the determination of disciplinary measures consistent with the District's Code of Conduct.

Responses to Acts of Violence[56]

1. The Principal or their designee will determine whether to contact law enforcement personnel. **Threats or actions placing students, staff and others in imminent danger require an immediate LOCKDOWN protocol followed by a call to the police and the District Superintendent (if safe to do so)**. Violent offenses defined in the S.A.V.E. regulations will also require the involvement of the police.

[55] 155.17(c)(1)(i)policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct threats of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors, and visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which for this subdivision shall include suicide;
[56] 155.17(c)(1)(ii) policies and procedures for responding to acts of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors and visitors to the school, including consideration of zero-tolerance policies for school violence;

2. The Principal, and/or their designee then determine the appropriateness of directing the Building-level Emergency Response Team to be activated.

3. The Building-Level Emergency Response Planning Team consisting of trained staff and school personnel may assist with an Evacuation (Evacuate), Secure Lockout, Shelter-in-Place/Shelter, Hold-in-Place/Hold, or Early Dismissal and will follow the appropriate protocol (see appendices for further information). The Incident Command System (ICS) under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) should be followed as closely as possible to ensure good coordination between the building-level teams, District leadership, and responding agencies.

4. If the threat of violence or danger is imminent, a Lockdown may be utilized. A Lockdown is time sensitive and therefore may be requested by any school staff member based on the incident and timely need for the Lockdown. During the Lockdown, all school staff, students, and visitors (including all BERT members) are required to Lockdown in the nearest lockable space and await further instruction, or in some situations, evacuate the campus.

5. Procedures for contacting parents, guardians and persons in parental relation to students in the event of a violent incident or early dismissal or emergency closure are detailed in each building-level emergency plan. The use of the District's mass communication system is typically utilized.[57]

6. Aggressively dangerous and violent students, teachers, other school personnel, bus drivers and monitors, or visitors shall be managed as outlined by the procedures detailed in the district Code of Conduct.

7. The building administrator will investigate reported threats of violence and will make the determination of disciplinary measures consistent with the District's Code of Conduct.

8. School administrators must keep records of serious threats and acts of violence and report them annually to the state.

9. Prompt contact with appropriate law enforcement officials is essential in the event of a violent incident. These relationships have been established by participation of local response officials on Building-Level Emergency Response Planning Teams. These individuals and appropriate means of contact are documented in each Building-Level Emergency Response Plan.[58]In the event of a violent incident, local law enforcement will be contacted by calling 911. Depending on the circumstances, an additional call may also be made to the district's local law enforcement liaison.

10. The district has a zero-tolerance policy for weapons, in accordance with federal and state law and the District Code of Conduct, and utilizes our Restorative Practices model and philosophy to respond to other acts of school violence.

[57] 155.17(1)(ix) policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to the students of the district in the event of a violent incident or an early dismissal or emergency school closure

[58] 155.17(c)(1)(iv) policies and procedures for contacting the appropriate law enforcement officials in the event of a violent incident;

Protocols For a State Disaster Emergency Involving a Communicable Disease

The following procedures provide a general overview of the District's response to a State Disaster Emergency and may require modification during an actual event based on a number of factors. The District will follow current guidance from the County Department of Health, State Department of Health and the State Education Department related to masking, distancing, quarantines, and other health-related requirements.

Background

In September 2020, Governor Cuomo signed legislation that requires all New York State public employers to adopt a plan for operations in the event of a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease. The new legislation will constitute New York State Labor Law Section 27-c, and serve as a response to the effects of the sudden onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Spring of 2020. In addition to 27-C, the following section was added to 2801-a of the Education Law that required additions to the District Plan.

Education Law - 2801-a (m) - protocols for responding to a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease that are substantially consistent with the provisions of section twenty-seven-c of the labor law.

Protocols

1. In the event of a state-ordered reduction of the District's in-person workforce, the following is a list of **essential** employees.

Essential Position	Description	
Information Technology	Director Technicians	This group is needed to maintain the internet capability including remote learning and working from home.
Custodial and Maintenance	Director Asst. Director Senior Custodians Custodians Maintenance Mechanics Grounds	This group is needed to maintain the cleanliness and continued functioning of the building & grounds.
Administration	Superintendent & Asst. Superintendents	Required to ensure continuity of the response efforts.
Building Administration &	Building Administrators &	Required to ensure continuity of the

Clerical Support	Clerical Support *	response efforts.
Faculty and Staff	Teacher/Related Service Provider	Should it become necessary to meet a student's needs under IDEA and/or Section 504 regulation (FAPE), teachers/related service providers may be deemed essential on an as-needed basis.
Security	Security Coordinator & Security Assistants	To ensure the safety/security of the campuses.
Transportation	Director of Transportation, Support Staff & Transportation Contractor	To transport food to students who receive home meals and/or to transport students in the event they are attending in person instruction
Food Service	Food Service Director & Food Service Workers	To prepare and distribute meals to students.
Health Services	Director of Health Services and staff as deemed necessary	To assist with testing requirements, reporting and contract tracing.
Business Operations	Accounting, Payroll, Accounts Payroll, Purchasing	Where necessary to ensure the continued operation of the District.

2. In the event of a state-ordered reduction of the District's in-person workforce the District will provide the opportunity for all **non-essential** employees the capability to telecommute including, but not limited to, facilitating or requesting the procurement, distribution, downloading, and installation of any needed devices or technology, including software, data, office laptops or phones, and the transferring of office phone lines to work or personal cell phones as practicable or applicable to the workplace. [DISTRICT] Staff will be guided on this as per the **Building Level Emergency Plans**, specifically the **Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Instruction** sections.

3. To the extent possible the District will stagger work shifts of essential employees in order to reduce overcrowding on public transportation systems and at worksites. Staff and students

typically walk or drive via personal vehicle to campus. In an effort to reduce overcrowding on public transportation:

- Class schedules, if scheduled to be on site, will be staggered to a morning and afternoon cohort
- Staff will arrive on campus prior to students at staggered times/work shift or/and staggered assigned days of work
- If no students are in school staff will continue to have their work shift or assigned days of work staggered.
- Most employees will be permitted to work remotely.
- Visitors will not be permitted on campus.

4. A quantity of personal protective equipment (PPE), sufficient to provide to all essential employees, will be procured, stored, and managed as follows:

    - Facilities will maintain inventory of PPE as recommended by the NYS Education Department guidelines, and continually restock same as needed.
    - Storage of personal protective equipment will be on campus and comply with the manufacturer's storage recommendations for each item.
    - The equipment will be stored and readily available to any person in need of it.

5. In the event an employee is exposed to a known case of a communicable disease that is the subject of a state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease, exhibits symptoms of such disease, or tests positive for such disease, and in order to prevent the spread or contraction of such disease in the workplace the District has a set protocol to be followed for the exposure as well as the disinfecting of the affected work area(s). The District's **Building Level Emergency Plan** contains an **Infectious Disease Annex,** which details:

    - The disinfecting of any area known or suspected to be infected with the communicable disease as well as any common area surface and shared equipment such employee may have touched
    - Available leave options, for the affected employee(s), in the event of an employee's need to receive testing, treatment, isolation, or quarantine

    Note: Such protocol does not involve any action that would violate any existing federal, state, or local law, including sick leave or health information privacy.

6. All essential employees will have their hours and work locations documented, including off-site visits, by:
    - All entrances will be locked with guard staff posted.
    - All employees will use their access cards for entrance which documents their arrival on the premises.

- Payroll, attendance, and time cards will further document an employee's presence on campus.
- No other visitors will be allowed on site.

Such protocol shall be designed only to aid in the tracking of the disease and to identify the population of exposed employees in order to facilitate the provision of any benefits which may be available to certain employees on that basis.

7. If emergency housing is needed to further contain the spread of the communicable disease, the Valley Stream 13 School District will lodge an essential employee at a local hotel bearing the full cost of the stay.

If there is a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease that involves the Valley Stream 13 School District, all staff, essential and non-essential, will be contacted, and they will be guided by the aforementioned protocols.

8. **OTHER:** Any other requirements determined by the Department of Health such as contact tracing, testing, physical distancing, hygiene, disinfecting, drill modifications, or mask-wearing.

Identification of District Resources Which May Be Available for Use During an Emergency[59]

District resources are available in each building and stored in a central location. Each building will designate a Command Post. The list, which is not meant to be inclusive, requires the following items:

- Copy of District-Wide School Safety Plan
- Building-level Emergency Plan
- Quick reference Emergency Management Procedures
- List of emergency telephone numbers
- Building floor plans
- Telephones
- Radio communications
- Weather radio
- Flashlights
- Photocopier
- Computer
- Student rosters
- List of individuals with special needs and specific evacuation plans
- Telephone numbers for parents/guardians Information about emergency needs (e.g. students/staff that require medications, vehicular transportation issues, etc.)
- School and staff census information

[59] 155.17(c)(1)(vii) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the identification of district resources which may be available for use during an emergency;

Coordination and School District Resources and Manpower During Emergencies[60]

The District will, as appropriate, utilize all available manpower during an emergency. Within each building, schools may use the Staff All Call response protocol, that quickly summons all available staff members to a staging area for assignments. Coordination of available employees is typically performed by the Principal or their designee. Specific job duties will be assigned based on the type of emergency and in compliance with the appropriate district and building emergency response procedure. Additional district resources may be requested by any building administrator or designee as needed. The Superintendent or their designee will call in all available maintenance and custodial staff to provide support during an emergency as needed. Assistance from outside government agencies may also be requested. A specific list of available resources may be found in Appendix 4 of this plan.

Participating in Unified Command under ICS Principles

Assignment of Responsibilities

A chain of command consistent with the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) will be used in response to an emergency. Members of the School, Emergency Response Team, will be part of this system. In the event of an emergency, the response team will adopt NIMS/ICS principles based on the size, scope, and character of the emergency.

1. All administrators and Building-Level Emergency Response Planning Teams members shall complete the incident command training level one.

2. All District Emergency Response Team members shall complete incident command training level one and level two.

ICS Positions

The number of ICS positions filled will be dependent upon the scope of the incident.

- **Incident Commander** – Responsible for the direction of the building response in a building-level emergency (Building Administrator/designee).
- **Public Information Officer** – Compiles and releases information to the news media.
- **Safety Officer** – Monitors the response to prevent injuries from occurring to both those involved in the incident and those trying to resolve it.
- **Liaison** – Represents the District by working with responding agencies (law enforcement, fire department, EMS, utilities, etc.) and other school districts that may be involved in the incident.

[60] 155.17(c)(1)(viii) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of procedures to coordinate the use of school district resources and manpower during emergencies, including identification of the officials authorized to make decisions and of the staff members assigned to provide assistance during emergencies;

- **Incident Log** – Keeps a written log of all incident events and updates appropriate command post personnel on significant developments.

- **Operations** – responsible for directing the implementation of action plans and strategies for incident resolution.

- **Logistics** – Responsible for providing all resources (personnel, equipment, facilities and services) required for incident resolution.

- **Planning/Intelligence** – Responsible for collecting, evaluating, and disseminating the information needed to measure the size, scope and seriousness of an incident and to plan a response.

- **Administration/Finance** – Responsible for all cost and financial matters related to the incident.

Emergency Remote Instruction

Overview

The District may offer remote instruction days to students in the event-of-an-emergency condition, including, but not limited to, extraordinary adverse weather conditions, impairment of heating facilities, insufficiency of water supply, shortage of fuel, destruction of a school building, or a communicable disease outbreak.

When making decisions about remote instruction, the District will consult with students**,** parents, teachers, administrators, community members, and other stakeholders as appropriate. When implementing remote instruction, the District will ensure that it is complying with applicable teaching and learning requirements.

Definitions

A. "Asynchronous instruction" means instruction where students engage in learning without the direct presence (remote or in-person) of a teacher.
B. "Non-digital and/or audio-based instruction" means instruction accessed synchronously and/or asynchronously through paper-based materials where the student to teacher interaction occurs via telephone or other audio platforms.
C. **"**Remote instruction" means instruction provided by an appropriately certified teacher who is not in the same in-person physical location as the student(s) receiving the instruction, where there is regular and substantive daily interaction between the student and teacher.
    1. Remote instruction will encompass synchronous instruction provided through digital video- based technology and may also include asynchronous instruction intended to complement synchronous instruction. Digital video-based technology includes online

technology and videoconferencing technology.

2. Remote instruction may encompass non-digital and audio-based asynchronous and/or synchronous instruction where this instruction is more appropriate for a student's educational needs.

D. "Synchronous instruction" means instruction where students engage in learning in the direct presence (remote or in-person) of a teacher in real time.

Formats and Methods of Remote Instruction

Remote instruction may be delivered through a variety of formats and methods. Determinations about how to best deliver remote instruction will take into account a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the number of students involved, the subject matter, the students' grade levels, and technological resources of both the District and students. Consideration will also be given to whether accommodations need to be made for students with disabilities or English language learners. Each school's Building-level Emergency Response Plan will contain this confidential information in the Continuity of Instruction Plan (COIP) section.[61]

Instructional Options

The District may engage students in synchronous and asynchronous learning on days of remote instruction under emergency conditions with an expectation that asynchronous instruction is supplementary to synchronous instruction.[62] When remote instruction by digital technology is unavailable, appropriate special accommodations for students will be made to aid their learning, including providing staff with hard copies of lesson plans that will be distributed to parents and students, as needed.[63]

Computer and Connectivity Access for Students

The District will ensure that students have the necessary equipment at home to participate in remote instruction.[64] No later than June 30th of each school year, the Superintendent will report to the Commissioner of Education the results of the survey on student access to computing devices and access to Internet connectivity on a form and format prescribed by the Commissioner.[65] The information received from the survey will aid in the development/updates to the detailed Continuity of Instruction Plan in each school's Building-level Emergency Response Plan.

Minimum Instructional Hours

Remote instruction provided on days when the District would have otherwise closed due to an emergency condition may be counted toward the annual hourly requirement for the purpose of state aid. The Superintendent will certify to the New York State Education Department, on a form prescribed

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[61] 155.17(c)(1)(xxi)(d) A description of how special education and related services will be provided to students with disabilities and preschool students with disabilities, as applicable, in accordance with their individualized education programs to ensure the continued provision of a free appropriate public education.

[62] 155.17(c)(1)(xxi)(b) Expectations for school staff as to the proportion of time spent in synchronous and asynchronous instruction of students on days of remote instruction under emergency conditions with an expectation that asynchronous instruction is supplementary to synchronous instruction.

[63] 155.17(c)(1)(xxi)(c) A description of how instruction will occur for those students for whom remote instruction by digital technology is not available or appropriate.

[64] 155.17(xxi)(a) ensure computing devices will be made available to students

[65] 155.17(f)(2) Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, each chief executive officer shall report to the Commissioner, no later than June 30 of each school year, on a form and format prescribed by the Commissioner, the results of the survey on student access to computing devices and access to internet connectivity

by the Commissioner, that an emergency condition existed on a previously scheduled school day and that the District was in session and provided remote instruction on that day and indicate how many instructional hours were provided on that day and certify that remote instruction was provided in accordance with the District's emergency remote instruction plan.

Remote Instruction Support

As necessary, the District will provide instruction on using remote instruction technology and IT support for students, teachers, and families. The District will also work to ensure that teachers and administrators are provided with professional development opportunities related to designing an effective remote instruction experience.

Compliance with District Policies, Procedures, and the Code of Conduct

Teachers and students are required to comply with any and all applicable District policies, procedures, and other related documents as they normally would for in-person instruction. Examples include, but are not limited to, the District's policies and procedures on non-discrimination and anti- harassment, acceptable use, and copyright. Students will also be required to abide by the rules contained within the Code of Conduct at all times as well as the District Homebound Instruction Policy while engaged in remote instruction. Violations of the Code of Conduct and/or engaging in prohibited conduct may result in disciplinary action as warranted.

Privacy and Security of Student and Teacher Data

The District will take measures to protect the personally identifiable information of students and teachers from unauthorized disclosure or access when using remote instruction technologies in compliance with law, regulation, and District policy. Examples of these measures include, but are not limited to, minimizing the amount of data shared to only that which is necessary, de-identifying data, and using encryption or an equivalent technical control that renders personally identifiable information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons when transmitted electronically.

Section IV Communication with Others

Obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency service organizations and local government agencies[66]

1. The district continues to work closely with local police, fire, EMS, and governmental agencies to obtain assistance during emergencies. Representatives helped in the development of this plan, have assisted in emergency drills, and provided technical assistance. Providers have given approval to the district to rely on local personnel, resources, and facilities in emergency situations.

2. The district maintains an updated list of local, county, and state agencies and personnel to contact to obtain assistance. The superintendent or their designee will initiate the contact when needed.

Obtaining advice and assistance from local government officials, including the county or city officials responsible for implementation of article 2-B of the Executive Law[67]

1. The district maintains an updated list of local and county emergency organizations, agencies, and government officials responsible for implementation of Article 2-B of the Executive Law. The superintendent and their designee will initiate the contact when needed.

2. The key officials in local government that can help to develop plans and assist in emergency situations as listed in emergency situations are listed in Appendix 4. Key government agencies are listed below:

    1. Nassau County Police Department - 5th Precinct
    2. Nassau County Police Department - Homeland Security
    3. Nassau County Police Department Emergency Ambulance Bureau
    4. New York State Police
    5. Nassau County OEM
    6. Red Cross

[66] 155.17(c)(1)(v) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of the arrangements for obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency services organizations and local governmental agencies;
[67] 155.17(c)(1)(vii) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the procedures for obtaining advice and assistance from local government officials, including the county or city officials responsible for implementation of article 2-B of the Executive Law;

Contacting Parents, Guardians or Persons in Parental Relation to the Students of the District in the Event of a Violent Incident or an Early Dismissal[68]

In the event of violent incidents or crises, or an early dismissal of students, every effort will be made to notify parents. As soon as practical, the Superintendent or their designee shall activate the emergency notification system that will provide relevant information. Parental notification procedures for a student involved in disciplinary situations shall be consistent with the Code of Conduct and New York State law, and shall be presented clearly and concisely to staff and students each year.

When a student is involved in any violent situation, or an implied or direct threat of violence by such student against themselves, including suicide, parent or guardian shall be contacted as soon as practicable.[69] Administration shall utilize school mental health resources when necessary.

It is the responsibility of all parents and guardians to ensure that emergency contact information for students is always up-to-date and complete.

[68] 155.17(c)(1)(ix) policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to the students of the district in the event of a violent incident or an early dismissal or emergency school closure;

[69] 155.17(c)(1)(x) policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to an individual student of the district in the event of an implied or direct threat of violence by such student against themselves, which for the purposes of this subdivision shall include suicide;

Section V Recovery

Continuity of Operations

This district maintains continuity of operations at both the district and building level to ensure that essential functions continue during an emergency and its immediate aftermath. Essential functions include business services (payroll and purchasing), communication (internal and external), computer and systems support, facilities maintenance, safety and security, and continuity of instruction. Specific continuity plans are contained within each Building-level Emergency Response Plan.

Continuity of Instruction

The District offers a suite of online instructional tools that can be used to support remote instruction and communication. General instructional tools for communicating with students include online services including:

- Google Drive with shared folders
- GSuite (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, Classroom, Sites)
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft OneDrive
- Seesaw

Detailed grade-specific remote instructional procedures are contained within each building-level emergency plan.

Note: The local public Library online resources are available remotely and can be accessed by students who have a library card.

District Support for Buildings

When the Chief Emergency Officer is notified that an emergency exists, he/she will respond accordingly.

Members of the District Safety Team will assist as needed either at their respective Building Command Posts or by responding where directed by the Incident Commander(s). The District Safety Team will assign such other personnel as deemed necessary to meet the needs of the situation.

The District Safety Team members will remain at their assigned posts until the Incident Commander(s) has determined that the emergency is over, or it is unsafe, or no longer necessary to remain, or need to relocate.

Should the incident involve a single building, at the discretion of the District Safety Team leader in consultation with that building's administrators and Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team, other school buildings may be called to support the Building-level Emergency Response Planning Team in that building.

Should the incident involve multiple buildings, at the discretion of the District Safety Team leader, in consultation with building administrators, additional mental health support from the County Crisis Team and local area hospitals may be solicited to support the Emergency Response Teams in the affected building(s).

In any case, a “debriefing”, or post-incident analysis, will be facilitated by the District Safety Team. This process will include a review of the actual incident, the Team’s response to the incident, and post-traumatic incident debriefing.

District clinicians (or, mental health professionals from outside agencies if they have been involved) will provide ongoing as-needed support to the Team members, and will monitor post-traumatic stress symptoms in team members. As appropriate, team members may be provided with a referral to EAP and/or with information regarding private mental health providers in the area.

Principal(s) are expected to consult with the District Public Information Officer in composing letters to parents following any emergency. The District’s Public Information Officer will assist in sending mass communication messages to affected groups. The District’s Liaison Officer will communicate with outside agencies, such as the County Health Department, to provide necessary services following any emergency.

Disaster Mental Health Services

The District Liaison Officer will communicate with outside agencies, such as the County Health Department, to provide necessary mental health services following any emergency. District mental health providers may be temporarily reassigned to assist in the recovery process.

Appendix 1 - Listing of School Buildings

District Office

585 N. Corona Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580
Phone: 516-568-6100

James A. Dever ES

585 N.Corona Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580
Phone:(516) 568-6120

Howell Road ES

1475 Howell Road
Valley Stream, NY 11580
Phone: (516) 568-6130

Wheeler Ave ES

1 West Wheeler Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580
Phone: (516) 568-6140

Willow Road ES

880 Catalpa Drive
Franklin Square, NY 11010
Phone:(516) 568-6640

Appendix 2 – Building-level Emergency Response Plans

Due to the sensitive safety and security information contained in each Building-level Emergency Response Plan, these plans are confidential and not available for public dissemination. Copies of plans are maintained at each school building and the District office.

Appendix 3 Memoranda of Understanding

CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this __17th_day of _August_, 2026 by and between the Board of Education of the Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen (hereinafter, the "DISTRICT"), having its principal place of business for the purpose of this Agreement at 585 N. Corona Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580 and WHCC Security Services (hereinafter, "CONSULTANT"), having its principal place of business for the purpose of this Agreement at 174 Meacham Avenue, Elmony, NY 11003.

A. TERM:

The term of this Agreement shall be from August 30, 2026 through June 30, 2027 unless terminated early as provided for in this Agreement. The initial term may be extended for renewal terms of one (1) year by mutual written agreement by both parties. It is understood that the DISTRICT is under no obligation to renew this Agreement upon its expiration.

B. SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. During the term of this Agreement, the services to be provided by the CONSULTANT to the DISTRICT shall include, but not be limited to the following:

    - Security Services (description attached)

2. CONSULTANT shall perform all services under this Agreement in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, and regulations, as well as the established policy guidance from the New York State Education Department.

3. Services provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided without regard to race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, national origin, religion, age, disability, or sponsorship.

4. CONSULTANT shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act, including, but not limited to, background checks and fingerprinting of all staff directly providing services to students.

5. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that all services under this Agreement shall be provided by qualified individuals of good character and in good professional standing. CONSULTANT represents and warrants that no individuals providing services under this Agreement are currently charged, nor in the past have been charged with any relevant criminal or professional misconduct or incompetence.

6. Upon execution of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall provide copies of required licenses/certifications of all professionals providing services to student(s) under this Agreement. In the event that the required license/certification of any agent or employee of CONSULTANT providing services under this Agreement is revoked, terminated, suspended, or otherwise impaired, CONSULTANT shall immediately notify the

DISTRICT in accordance with the requirements for all notices pursuant to this Agreement set forth below.

7. DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any of the CONSULTANT's staff, which the DISTRICT, at its sole discretion, may deem unqualified.

8. CONSULTANT shall observe and comply with all applicable DISTRICT Policies and Regulations while on the grounds of the DISTRICT or providing services pursuant to this Agreement.

9. CONSULTANT shall provide all services pursuant to this Agreement in a competent, professional and timely manner.

10. CONSULTANT shall maintain records, logs and/or reports in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, requirements of New York State and DISTRICT policies and procedures in force during the term of this Agreement. The DISTRICT shall have the right to examine and audit any or all records or accounts maintained and/or created by the CONSULTANT in connection with this Agreement at any time during normal business hours upon 24 hours' notice, and upon request shall be entitled to copies of same at no additional cost. CONSULTANT shall maintain such records for a period of six (6) years following the termination of this Agreement.

11. CONSULTANT understands that they may receive and/or come into contact with protected health information as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). CONSULTANT hereby acknowledges their responsibilities pursuant to HIPAA and shall comply with said Regulations, if applicable.

12. CONSULTANT, their employees, and/or agents agree that all information obtained in connection with the services performed pursuant to this Agreement is deemed confidential information. CONSULTANT, their employees, and/or agents shall not use, publish, discuss, disclose or communicate the contents of such information, directly or indirectly with third parties, except as provided for in this Agreement. CONSULTANT further agrees that any information received by CONSULTANT's employees and/or agents in connection with this Agreement which concerns the personal, financial, or other affairs of the DISTRICT, their employees, agents, and/or students will be treated as confidential and will not be revealed to any other persons, firms, organizations, or third parties. In addition, CONSULTANT agrees that information concerning any student covered by the terms of this Agreement shall not be released except as provided for by applicable law, rule, or regulation, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and New York Education Law § 2-d. The Education Law Section 2-d Rider attached hereto is incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

13. CONSULTANT shall attempt to provide substitute coverage in the event of the absence of the regularly scheduled service provider. The services of the substitute provider shall be in accordance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement.

14. Insurance:

a. At its own expense, CONSULTANT shall secure and maintain the insurance policies specified in **Exhibit B**, listing the DISTRICT, Board of Education, its employees, and volunteers as additional insured. CONSULTANT shall maintain such insurance for the entire duration of this Agreement including any renewal periods.

b. Upon the execution of this Agreement by CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT will supply the DISTRICT with a Certificate of Insurance including the DISTRICT, Board of Education, Employees and Volunteers as Additional Insured, a copy of the Declaration pages of the policies, and a copy of the additional insured endorsement.

c. Proof of insurance confirming renewals of insurance required hereunder must be submitted to the DISTRICT prior to the expiration date of coverage.

d. CONSULTANT shall provide the DISTRICT with a copy of any policy required under this Agreement upon the demand by the DISTRICT.

e. Acceptance by the DISTRICT of a certificate or a policy does not excuse the CONSULTANT from maintaining the policies consistent with all provisions of this Agreement.

C. COMPENSATION:

1. The DISTRICT shall pay CONSULTANT in accordance with the following fee schedule, following the presentation of detailed invoices by CONSULTANT to the DISTRICT:

SEE RATE SHEET ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"

2. The CONSULTANT shall submit invoices for payment on a monthly basis. All invoices shall include the services provided, the total hours, the dates that the invoice covers, and the total amount due for the period specified. The DISTRICT shall pay CONSULTANT within thirty (30) days of the DISTRICT's receipt of such invoice.

3. The DISTRICT shall give the CONSULTANT notice of any invoice disputes within twenty (20) days of its receipt of the invoice and reserves the right to withhold payment pending the resolution of the dispute.

4. Neither CONSULTANT nor any of its personnel shall share or accept any fee or gratuity for services provided pursuant to this Agreement except as expressly set forth in this Agreement.

D. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Termination:

a. The DISTRICT may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. Such notice shall be given in accordance with the requirements for all notices pursuant to this Agreement set forth below.

b. The parties agree that CONSULTANT's failure to comply with any terms or conditions of this Agreement will provide a basis for the DISTRICT to immediately terminate this Agreement without any further liability to CONSULTANT.

c. In the event the CONSULTANT or the DISTRICT terminates this Agreement with or without cause, such termination of the Agreement shall not discharge the parties' existing obligations to each other as of the effective date of termination.

2. Independent Contractor:

a. CONSULTANT will be engaged as an independent contractor, and therefore be solely responsible for the payment of federal and state income taxes applicable to this Agreement.

b. Neither CONSULTANT nor any of its employees, agents, or assigns will be eligible for any employee benefits whatsoever relative to this contract including, but not limited to, Social Security, New York State Worker's Compensation, unemployment insurance, New York State Employee's Retirement System, health or dental insurance, or malpractice insurance, or the like.

c. DISTRICT, if required by Federal or State requirements, will submit a Form 1099 and IT 2102.1 respectively at year-end to the Federal Government for all individuals having a gross income exceeding $600, which thereupon will be reported for income tax purposes.

3. Defense / Indemnification:

a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the CONSULTANT shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the DISTRICT, Board of Education,, its officers, directors, agents, or employees, from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, causes of action, liens, encumbrances, penalties, fines, suits, proceedings, demands, costs (including attorneys' fees and disbursements) of whatsoever kind or nature, including claims for damages because of bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, injury to, loss of use,

or destruction of tangible property, in connection with CONSULTANT'S performance of services pursuant to this Agreement, or any of their agents, employees, officers, directors or partners, excluding only liability created by the DISTRICT's sole and exclusive negligence.

4. Notices: All notices which are required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail, addressed as follows:

To District:	Superintendent of Schools Valley Stream UFSD 13 585 N. Corona Avenue Valley Stream, New York 11580
To Consultant:	WHCC Security Services 174 Meacham Ave. Elmont, NY 11003

5. The DISTRICT condemns and prohibits all forms of sexual harassment in the workplace (*see* N.Y.S. Human Rights Law § 296-d). The DISTRICT's anti-sexual harassment policies are available on the DISTRICT's website under Policy 0110.1 and Regulation 0110.1-R and Policy 0110.2 and Regulation 0110.2-E. Reports of sexual harassment shall be made to the District's Title IX coordinator. CONSULTANT agrees to provide a copy of the aforementioned policy and regulation to all of its employees performing services for the DISTRICT and to provide the name and contact information of the DISTRICT's Title IX coordinator. CONSULTANT also agrees to immediately report any allegations or knowledge of sexual harassment of its employees to the DISTRICT's Title IX coordinator immediately. The failure to abide by the terms of this paragraph constitutes a material breach of this Agreement.

6. Assignment: It is expressly understood that this Agreement shall not be assigned or transferred without prior written consent of the other party.

7. No Waiver: The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce every provision of this Agreement.

8. Severability: Should any provision of this Agreement, for any reason, be declared invalid and/or unenforceable, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Agreement. Such remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect as if this Agreement had been executed with the invalid provision(s) eliminated.

9. Governing Law: This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws and regulations of the State of New York and applicable Federal laws and regulations.

10. Venue: Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall be litigated in the Courts of Nassau County, New York. The parties hereby consent to the personal jurisdiction of such courts.

11. Entire Agreement: This Agreement, is the complete and exclusive statement of the Agreement between the parties, and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous, oral or written: agreements, proposals, understandings, representations, conditions or covenants between the parties relating to the subject matter of the Agreement.

12. Amendment: This Agreement may not be changed orally, but only by an Agreement, in writing, signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

13. Execution: This Agreement, and any amendments to this Agreement, will not be in effect until agreed to in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

WHCC SECURITY SERVICES

By: Ed Lezcano
Ed Lezcano, CEO

VALLEY STREAM UFSD 13

By: Sarah J. Salvatino
President, Board of Education

EXHIBIT "A"

Rate Sheet

Client: Valley Stream Union Free School District 13

Company Name : WHCC, Inc. 174 Meacham Ave, Elmont, NY 11003

Service: Security Guard Services

Service	Hourly Rate
Security Guard – Regular Assignment	**$40.00/hour**
Additional / Extra Assignments	**$40.00/hour**
Special Events / After-Hours Assignments	**$40.00/hour**

Rate Terms

WHCC, Inc. provides security guard services at a standard rate of **$40.00 per hour, per guard**.

The **same $40.00 hourly rate applies to all hours worked,** including regularly scheduled assignments, overtime, extended hours, special events, and additional assignments requested by Valley Stream UFSD 13.

There is no premium or increased hourly rate for overtime or extra assignments.

Contact Name: Ed Lezcano

Mobile#: 917-304-0245

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EXHIBIT "B"

1. Notwithstanding any terms, conditions or provisions, in any other writing between the parties, CONSULTANT hereby agrees to effectuate the naming of the DISTRICT, its Board of Education, officers, employees and volunteers as Additional Insureds on the CONSULTANT's insurance policies, except for workers' compensation and N.Y. State Disability insurance.

2. The policy naming the DISTRICT as an Additional Insured shall:
   a. Be an insurance policy from an A.M. Best A- rated or better insurer, admitted in and licensed to conduct business in New York State.
   b. State that the organization's coverage shall be primary and non-contributory coverage for the DISTRICT, its Board, employees and volunteers with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the DISTRICT including Workers Compensation.
   c. Additional insured status for General Liability coverage shall be provided by standard or other endorsements that extend coverage to the DISTRICT (CG 20 26) or equivalent. A completed copy of the endorsements must be attached to the Certificate of Insurance to include General Liability, Auto Liability (where applicable) and Umbrella/Excess coverages.

3. a. The certificate of insurance must describe the services provided by the CONSULTANT that are covered by the liability policies.

   b. At the DISTRICT's request, the CONSULTANT shall provide a copy of the declaration page of the liability and umbrella/excess policies with a list of endorsements and forms. If requested, the CONSULTANT will provide a copy of the policy endorsements and forms.

4. The CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify the DISTRICT for applicable deductibles and self-insured retentions.

5. Minimum Required Insurance:

   a. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**

$1,000,000 per Occurrence/ $2,000,000 Aggregate
$2,000,000 Products and Completed Operations
$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury
$1,000,000 Sexual Misconduct and Assault
$100,000 Fire Damage
$10,000 Medical Expense

Coverage for sexual misconduct must be affirmed and explicitly shown on the certificate of insurance. Sub-limits below the policy limits for sexual misconduct coverage are not acceptable unless specifically approved in writing by the DISTRICT.

b. **Automobile Liability**
$1,000,000 combined single limit for owned, hired, borrowed and non-owned motor vehicles.

c. **Workers' Compensation and NYS Disability Insurance**
Statutory Workers' Compensation (C-105.2 or U-26.3); and NYS Disability Insurance (DB- 120.1) for all employees. Proof of coverage must be on the approved specific form, as required by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board. ACORD certificates are not acceptable. The CONSULTANT must provide updated certificates throughout the term of this Agreement prior to the expiration of current certificates. A person seeking an exemption must file a CE-200 Form with the state.
The form can be completed and submitted directly to the WC Board online.

d. **Professional Errors and Omissions Insurance**
$2,000,000 per occurrence/ $2,000,000 aggregate for the professional acts of the CONSULTANT performed under the contract for the DISTRICT. If written on a "claims-made" basis, the effective date must pre-date the inception of the contract or agreement. Coverage shall remain in effect for three years following the completion of work.

e. **Umbrella/Excess Insurance**
$3,000,000 each Occurrence and Aggregate. Umbrella/Excess coverage shall be on a follow-form basis or provide broader coverage over the required Auto Liability (where applicable), General Liability and Professional Liability coverages.

6. The CONSULTANT acknowledges that failure to obtain or maintain such insurance on behalf of the DISTRICT constitutes a material breach of contract and subjects it to liability for damages, indemnification and all legal remedies available to the DISTRICT, including immediate termination of the agreement. The CONSULTANT is to provide the DISTRICT with a certificate of insurance and all required endorsements, evidencing the above requirements have been met, at least 30 days prior to the provision of services and upon each policy renewal. The failure of the DISTRICT to object to the contents of the certificate or endorsements or the absence of same shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights held by the DISTRICT.

If the CONSULTANT utilizes independent contractors, then they must provide written verification from their insurance carrier that coverage extends to all independent contractors. The CONSULTANT remains fully responsible for ensuring adequate coverage for all services provided under this agreement, whether performed by their employees or independent contractors. If Independent Contractors are required to provide Professional Errors and Omissions coverage of their own, then proof of this coverage must be provided.

Appendix 4 – District Resources – Contact Information

TITLE	NAME	OFFICE PHONE
Superintendent of Schools	Judith LaRocca	516-568-6149
Asst. Superintendent, Business and Operations	Gary Gentles	516-568-6110
Interim Asst. Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction	Lorraine Radice	516-568-6147
Executive Director of Special Services	Lisa Dunn	516-568-6260
Executive Director of Instructional Technology and Human Resources	Andrea DiMango	516-568-6289
Director of Facilities	Sean Reid	516-568-6111
Transportation Supervisor	Elisa Dugar	516-568-6111
District Clerk	Jennifer Mercatante	516-568-6117
Public Information	ZE Creative Communications	516-829-8374
Cafeteria Services	Aramark Food Services	516-931-7000
City Mayor	Edwin A. Fare	516-825-4200
Valley Stream Fire Department and EMS	Anthony Capone	516-825-9225
Nassau County		
County Executive	Bruce Blakeman	516-571-3131
Emergency Management	Richard Corbett	516-573-9600
Public Safety Commissioner	Patrick J. Ryder	516-572-0300
County Health Dept.	Dr. Irina Gelman	516-227-9697
Red Cross Emergency Services	516-747-3500	

Appendix 5 – Section 155.17 Regulation Compliance Reference

- **155.17(b)(14)** District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the board of education, the chancellor in the case of New York City, or other governing board. The district-wide team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors. At the discretion of the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the City of New York, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team, provided however, that no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed.
- **155.17(c)(1)(i)** policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct threats of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors, and visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which for this subdivision shall include suicide;
- **155.17(c)(1)(ii)** policies and procedures for responding to acts of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors to the school, including consideration of zero-tolerance policies for school violence;
- **155.17(c)(1)(iii)** appropriate prevention and intervention strategies, such as: (a) collaborative arrangements with State and local law enforcement officials, designed to ensure that school safety officers and other security personnel are adequately trained, including being trained to de-escalate potentially violent situations, and are effectively and fairly recruited; (b) nonviolent conflict resolution training programs; (c) peer mediation programs and youth courts; and (d) extended day and other school safety programs;
- **155.17(c)(1)(iv)** policies and procedures for contacting the appropriate law enforcement officials in the event of a violent incident;
- **155.17(c)(1)(v)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of the arrangements for obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency services organizations and local governmental agencies;
- **155.17(c)(1)(vi)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the procedures for obtaining advice and assistance from local government officials, including the county or city officials responsible for implementation of article 2-B of the Executive Law;
- **155.17(c)(1)(viii)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of procedures to coordinate the use of school district resources and manpower during emergencies, including identification of the officials authorized to make decisions and of the staff members assigned to provide assistance during emergencies;
- **155.17(c)(1)(ix)** policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to the students of the district in the event of a violent incident or an early dismissal;
- **155.17(c)(1)(x)** policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to an individual student of the district in the event of an implied or direct threat of violence by such student against themselves, which for the purposes of this subdivision shall include suicide;

- **155.17(c)(1)(xi)** policies and procedures relating to school building security, including, where appropriate: (a) the use of school safety or security officers and/or school resource officers. Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, and every school year thereafter, every school shall define the areas of responsibility of school personnel, security personnel and law enforcement in response to student misconduct that violates the code of conduct. A school district or charter school that employs, contracts with, or otherwise retains law enforcement or public or private security personnel, including school resource officers, shall establish a written contract or memorandum of understanding that is developed with stakeholder input, including, but not limited to, parents, students, school administrators, teachers, collective bargaining units, parent and student organizations and community members, as well as probation officers, prosecutors, defense counsels and courts that are familiar with school discipline. Such written contract or memorandum of understanding shall define the relationship between a school district or charter school, school personnel, students, visitors, law enforcement, and public or private security personnel. Such contract or memorandum of understanding shall be consistent with the code of conduct, define law enforcement or security personnel's roles, responsibilities and involvement within a school and clearly delegate the role of school discipline to the school administration. Such written contract or memorandum of understanding shall be incorporated into and published as part of the district safety plan; and (b) security devices or procedures. District-wide school safety teams shall consider, as part of their review of the comprehensive district-wide safety plan, the installation of a panic alarm system;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xii)** policies and procedures for the dissemination of informative materials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors, including but not limited to the identification of family, community, and environmental factors to teachers, administrators, school personnel including bus drivers and monitors, parents or other persons in parental relation to students of the school district or board, students and other persons deemed appropriate to receive such information;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xiii)** policies and procedures for annual multi-hazard school safety training for staff and students, provided that the district must certify to the commissioner that all staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 and each subsequent September 15th thereafter on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xiv)** procedures for review and the conduct of drills, [and other exercises to test components of the emergency response plan, including the use of] tabletop exercises, and information about emergency procedures and drills, including information about procedures and timeframes for notification of parents or persons in parental relation regarding drills and other emergency response training(s) that include students. At their discretion, schools and districts may participate in full-scale exercises in coordination with local and county emergency responders and preparedness officials;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xv)** the identification of appropriate responses to emergencies, including protocols for responding to bomb threats, hostage-takings, intrusions and kidnappings;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xvi)** strategies for improving communication among students and between students and staff and reporting of potentially violent incidents, such as the establishment of youth- run programs, peer mediation, conflict resolution, creating a forum or designating a

mentor for students concerned with bullying or violence and establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms for school violence;

- **155.17(c)(1)(xvii)** a description of the duties of hall monitors and any other school safety personnel, the training required of all personnel acting in a school security capacity, and the hiring and screening process for all personnel acting in a school security capacity;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xviii)** in the case of a school district, except in a school district in a city having more than one million inhabitants, a system for informing all educational agencies within such school district of a disaster or emergency school closure;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xix)** the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent's designee, as the district chief emergency officer whose duties shall include, but not be limited to: (a) coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement, and other first responders; (b) lead the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans; (c) ensure staff understanding of the district–wide school safety plan; (d) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building; (e) assist in the selection of security related technology and development of procedures for the use of such technology; (f) coordinate appropriate safety, security, and emergency training for district and school staff, including required training in the districtwide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plan(s) (g) ensure the conduct of required evacuation and lock-down drills in a trauma informed, developmentally, and age-appropriate manner that does not include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting or other act of violence or emergency in all district buildings as required by section 807 of the Education Law; and (h) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans by the dates designated by the commissioner.
- **155.17(h)(1)(3)** One Emergency Dismissal drill shall be conducted to test emergency response procedures that require early dismissal, at a time not to occur more than 15 minutes earlier than the normal dismissal time.
- **155.17(c)(1)(xx**) ensure the development of protocols for responding to a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease that are substantially consistent with the provisions of section 27-c of the Labor Law; and
- **155.17(c)(1)(xii)** beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and every school year thereafter, an emergency remote instruction plan. For purposes of this subparagraph remote instruction shall have the same meaning as defined in section 100.1(u) of this Chapter. Emergency remote instruction plans shall include: (a) policies and procedures to ensure computing devices will be made available to students or other means by which students will participate in synchronous instruction and policies and procedures to ensure students receiving remote instruction under emergency conditions will access internet connectivity. Each chief executive officer of each educational agency located within a public school district shall survey students and parents and persons in parental relation to such students to obtain information on student access to computing devices and access to internet connectivity to inform the emergency remote instruction plan; (b) expectations for school staff as to the proportion of time spent in synchronous and asynchronous instruction of students on days of remote instruction under emergency conditions with an expectation that asynchronous instruction is supplementary to synchronous instruction; (c) a description of how instruction will occur for those students for whom remote instruction by digital technology is not available or appropriate; (d) a description

of how special education and related services will be provided to students with disabilities, as defined in section 200.1(zz) of this Chapter, and preschool students with disabilities, as defined in section 200.1(mm) of this Chapter, as applicable, in accordance with their individualized education programs to ensure the continued provision of a free appropriate public education; and (e) for school districts that receive foundation aid, the estimated number of instructional hours the school district intends to claim for State aid purposes for each day spent in remote instruction due to emergency conditions pursuant to section 175.5 of this Chapter.