



# District Safety Plan

Public Hearing  
August 20, 2024

# Requirements for New York State Public Schools

The District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan was developed pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation 155.17 and NYS Education Law 2801 and requires:

- An annual public hearing with 30-days public comment period following the hearing;
- Adoption of the plan by the BOE by September 1.
- Posted on our District website by October 1.



# Update per NYSED as of July 15, 2024

On Monday, July 15th, the State Board of Regents approved the proposed updates to 155.17 law. In addition to the proposed amendments that were announced several months ago, revisions to the amendments were made as a result of feedback received from stakeholders. These changes went into effect on July 31st, 2024.

In response to these last-minute changes made by NYSED, we are required to have a new 30-day public comment period for 2024-25 district plans.

NYSED further clarified that if a current district-wide safety plan is on track to meet the September 1st deadline, as ours is, **then we are in compliance**.

***We will have a second public comment period later this fall based on these changes by SED and readopt at a later date this school year.***



# Elements of the District Safety Plan

- Section 1: General Considerations & Planning Guidelines
- Section 2: Risk Reduction/Prevention and Intervention
- Section 3: Response
- Section 4: Communication with Others
- Section 5: Recovery
- Appendices



# Section 1: General Considerations and Planning Guidelines

- **Section 1 includes:**
  - An overview of the purpose of the plan;
  - The role of the District Safety Team and the Building Emergency Response Teams
  - The members of the District Safety Committee
    - Members of the Orchard Park Police Department
    - BOCES Safety Risk Manager
    - Administrators
    - Teachers
    - School Related Personnel
    - Board of Education Representative(s)
    - Community/Parent Representative(s)



# Section 2: Risk Reduction/Prevention and Intervention

- **Overview of Trainings**

- Prevention and Intervention Strategies
- Trainings for Employees:
  - Emergency Response Protocol
  - Olweus Bullying Prevention\*
  - Stop the Bleed
  - Mental Health Awareness
- Additional Trainings for Select Groups:
  - Crisis Prevention & Intervention
  - Threat Assessment Training (Virginia Threat Assessment Model)
  - FEMA Incident Command Structure
- SROs at each School
  - Building level training



# Section 2: Risk Reduction/Prevention and Intervention

- **Preventative Measures**
  - Equipment and Procedures
    - Visitor access control procedures
    - Single or limited points of entry
    - Security Personnel
      - Building Guards & Monitors
      - SROs
  - Supporting Communications
    - “See Something, Say Something”  
Anonymous reporting system
  - Training Drills & Exercises



Raptor Visitor Management System



# Section 3: Response

- **Notification and Activation of Communication Systems -**

- **Internal tools:**

- Two-way Radios
- Public address systems
- Email
- Updates to IP

- **Notification and Activation of Communication Systems -**

- **External tools:**

- Telephone
- iConnect mass messaging
- Website
- Local television, radio (i.e. school closure announcements)



# Section 3: Response

- **Situational Responses**
  - The District will be prepared for the following emergency situations:
    - School cancellation
    - Early Dismissal
    - Evacuation
    - Sheltering in Place or Relocation to a Sheltering Site



# Section 3: Response

- **Policies & Procedures to support Incident Responses**
  - District Code of Conduct
  - Policy 7313: Student Suspensions
  - Policy 7360: Weapons in School
  - Policy 7550: Dignity for All Students
  - Policy 7552: Bullying: Peer Abuse in Schools



# Section 3: Response

- **Participating in Unified Command Under Incident Command System Principles**
  - OPCSD Administrative team has undergone the FEMA Incident Command Structure (ICS) training, which is consistent with the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIMS);
  - This prepares OPCSD employees to have effective communications with first responders during an emergency.



## Section 4: Communication with Others

- **Local and County emergency organizations, agencies and governmental offices that can assist in our plans and/or in the event of an emergency such as:**
  - Orchard Park Police Department
  - Orchard Park Volunteer Fire Department
  - New York State Police
  - Town of OP Office of Emergency Management
  - Erie County Sheriff
  - Erie County Public Health Emergency Preparedness
  - Erie County Mental Health



# Section 5: Recovery

- **This section has had significant revisions in recent years and as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including:**
  - An summary of the Continuity of Operations;
  - Continuity of Instruction;
  - Mental Health Supports
    - The goal being to return to a pre-crisis climate of a more “normal” post-crisis state.



# Comments from the Public

- Four total comments from the public - some responded to directly
  - Lockdown preparedness when students/adults are outside
  - Comment regarding what is included in our plan regarding notification/planning of drills
  - Weapon detection- use of metal detectors and inclusion of Zero Eyes detection equipment in our plan
  - Language changes/updates



# In conclusion, Comprehensive School Safety is:

