

BOMB THREATS

The Board of Education has an obligation and a responsibility to insure the safety and protection of students and other building occupants upon the receipt of any bomb threat. Therefore, any bomb threat to the school district shall be taken seriously.

A bomb threat is a criminal act and must be treated as one. Law enforcement authorities must be notified immediately upon receipt of any bomb threat.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish procedures to be followed by all personnel and students in the event of a bomb threat. Such procedures shall be made a part of each school's emergency management plan. All appropriate personnel shall receive a copy of those procedures and the Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that all staff members understand their respective roles and responsibilities in the event of a bomb threat.

The Superintendent of Schools must inform both the Board of Education and the parents and guardians of district students as soon as possible after any incident that results in the activation of the district's emergency management plan. S/he is also responsible for notification of both the NYS Education Department and the BOCES/District Superintendent of each bomb threat incident.

Cross References:

Policy 5450 – Student Safety
Policy 8130 – Emergency Plans
Policy 8134 – Emergency Closings
Policy 8135 – Safe Schools

References:

Penal Law, §240.55
Revised Bomb Threat Guidelines, NYS Ed Dept
8 NYCRR §155.13

