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Policy 8400 – School Safety (Revised)

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## 8400 - SCHOOL SAFETY

The Board of School Trustees is committed to maintaining a safe environment in all of the School Corporation's schools. To that end, in accordance with State and Federal law, the Corporation shall establish a *Safe School Committee* for the entire Corporation, the composition of which shall be in accordance with the Superintendent's guidelines.

The *Safe School Committee* may include at least one (1) member who is a member of the school or Corporation career and technical education school.

The Safe School Committee shall be responsible for developing a plan that addresses the following issues:

A. Unsafe conditions, crime prevention, school violence, bullying, criminal organization activity, child abuse and child sexual abuse, and other issues that prevent the maintenance of safe schools.

Accordingly, the school safety plan developed by the school safety specialist with the assistance of the school resource officer shall be a part of the plan developed by the Safe School Committee.

- B. Professional development needs for faculty and staff to implement methods that decrease problems identified above.
- C. Methods to encourage involvement by the community and students, development of relationships between students and school faculty and staff, and use of problem solving teams.
- D. Provide a copy of the floor plans for each building that clearly indicates each exit, the interior rooms and hallways, and the location of any hazardous materials located in the building to the local law enforcement agency and the fire departments that have jurisdiction over the school.

**NOTE:** The Corporation shall not disclose any record or part of any record if the disclosure of which would have a reasonable likelihood of threatening public safety by compromising the Corporation's security.

In developing the plan, the Safe School Committee shall seek input from representatives of the following:

- A. the State Department of Education;
- B. the Corporation's school safety specialist;
- C. School Resource Officer(s);
- D. local law enforcement agency;

- E. the local Fire Marshal(s) or his/her designee(s);
- F. local emergency medical services;
- G. a member of the Board;
- H. building administrators;
- I. the local emergency management service agency;
- J. Director of School Safety.

The Superintendent shall recommend the approval and adoption of the Corporation's plan.

## Safe School Committee's Duty To Implement the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

The *Safe School Committee* is responsible for implementing the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. To ensure that the Corporation remains compliant with Federal law, the *Safe School Committee* shall:

- A. develop a drug-free school plan that:
  - 1. requires each school to collect and report drug-related activities in the school, including suspensions, expulsions, exclusions, police actions, or any other type of drug-related behavior; and
  - 2. addresses ways to eliminate illegal drugs and drug-related behavior in schools;
- B. oversee the implementation of the school plan;
- C. oversee the implementation of the curriculum under I.C. 20-30-5-11 concerning the effects that alcoholic beverages, tobacco, prescription drugs, and controlled substances have on the human body and society at large.

[X] To apply annually for matching grant funds from the Indiana secured school fund, the Corporation shall certify to the Department of Homeland Security that it has:

- A. conducted a threat assessment for each school building it uses; and
- B. <u>a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in place with a community mental health center established under State law or a provider certified or licensed by the State to provide mental or behavioral health services to students.</u>

## **School Safety Specialist**

The Corporation shall designate an individual to serve as the school safety specialist for the Corporation. The school safety specialist shall be chosen by the Superintendent with the approval of the Board. The school safety specialist shall perform the following duties:

- A. Serve on the county school safety commission, if a county school safety commission is established under I.C. 5-2-10.1-10.
- B. Participate each year in a number of days of school safety training that the council determines.
- C. With the assistance of the county school safety commission, if a county school safety commission is established under I. 5-2-10.1-10, develop a safety plan for each school in the Corporation.
- D. Coordinate the safety plans of each school in the Corporation as required under rules adopted by the Indiana state board of education; and
- E. Act as a resource for other individuals in the Corporation on issues related to school discipline, safety, and security.

A school safety plan developed by the school safety specialist must:

- A. include the requirements set forth in I.C. 20-26-18.2-2(b), namely:
  - 1. Protect against outside threats to the physical safety of students,
  - 2. Prevent unauthorized access to school property,
  - 3. Secure schools against violence and natural disasters, and
  - 4. on or before July 1, 2020, identify the location of bleeding control kits;
- B. be provided to a member of the secured school safety board, as established by I.C. 10-21-1-3, if a member requests the plan; and
- C. be filed with the county safe school commission under I.C. 5-2-10.1-10 if the county has established a county safe school commission.

Bleeding Control Kits

A "bleeding control kit" means a first aid response kit that contains at least the following:

- A. One (1) tourniquet endorsed by the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care.
- B. A compression bandage.
- C. A bleeding control bandage.
- D. Protective gloves and a permanent marker.
- E. Scissors.
- F. Instructional documents developed by the Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign of the United States Department of Homeland Security or the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, or both.
- G. Other medical materials and equipment similar to those described in subdivisions (A) through (C), and any additional items that:
  - 1. are approved by local law enforcement or first responders;
  - 2. can adequately treat a traumatic injury; and
  - 3. can be stored in a readily available kit.

Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year and each school year thereafter and subject to either:

- A. an appropriation by the general assembly; or
- B. the Corporation receiving sufficient bleeding control kits for each school in the Corporation from:
  - 1. donations from individuals or entities; or
  - 2. gifts necessary to purchase the bleeding control kits;

The Corporation shall develop and implement a Stop the Bleed program that meets the requirements set forth in I.C. 20-34-3-24(c), namely:

- A. requires bleeding control kits be assigned to designated rooms in easily accessible locations to be determined by local first responders or the school safety specialist;
- B. includes bleeding control kits in the emergency plans of the school corporation or charter school, including the presentation and use of the bleeding control kits in all drills and emergencies;
- C. provides that all Corporation schools have a minimum of five (5) individuals in each school building who obtain appropriate training in the use of the bleeding control kit, including:
  - 1. the proper application of pressure to stop bleeding;
  - 2. the application of dressings or bandages;
  - 3. additional pressure techniques to control bleeding; and
  - 4. the correct application of tourniquets;
- D. requires bleeding control kits in school inventories to be inspected annually to ensure that the materials, supplies, and equipment contained in the bleeding control kits are not expired, and that any expired materials, supplies, and equipment are replaced as necessary; and
- E. requires a bleeding control kit to be restocked after each use and any materials, supplies, and equipment to be replaced as necessary to ensure that the bleeding control kit contains all necessary materials, supplies, and equipment.

The Corporation's Stop the Bleed program must include each school in the Corporation.

The Corporation may request direction to resources that are available to provide bleeding control kits to the Corporation from the Department of Homeland Security; the State Department of Education.

## **School Resource Officers**

"School resource officer" means an individual who:

- A. has completed the training described below;
- B. is assigned to one (1) or more school corporations or charter schools to:
  - 1. assist the school safety specialist with the development and implementation of the school safety plan; and
  - 2. carry out any additional responsibilities assigned to the school resource officer under the employment engagement, contract, or memorandum of understanding and to:
    - a. protect against outside threats to the physical safety of students;
    - b. prevent unauthorized access to school property; and
    - c. secure schools against violence and natural disasters; and

## C. is:

- 1. employed by a law enforcement agency;
- 2. appointed as a police reserve officer (as described in I.C. 36-8-3-20) or as a special deputy (as described in I.C. 36-8-10-10.6) if the police reserve officer or special deputy:
  - a. is subject to the direction of the sheriff or appointing law enforcement agency;
  - b. is required to obey the rules and orders of the sheriff's department or appointing law enforcement agency;

- c. is required to complete all training required of regular full-time law enforcement officers employed by the sheriff's department or appointing law enforcement agency; and
- d. may be removed by the sheriff or appointing law enforcement agency at any time, with or without cause; or
- 3. a school corporation police officer appointed under I.C. 20-26-16-3

Before being appointed as a school resource officer, an individual must have:

- A. successfully completed the minimum training requirements established for law enforcement officers under I.C. 5-2-1-9; and
- B. received at least forty (40) hours of school resource officer training through:
  - 1. the Indiana law enforcement training board established by I.C. 5-2-1-3;
  - 2. the National Association of School Resource Officers; or
  - 3. another school resource officer training program approved by the Indiana law enforcement training board.

The training described above must include instruction regarding skills, tactics, and strategies necessary to address the special nature of:

- A. school campuses; and
- B. school building security needs and characteristics.

A school resource officer may be employed:

- A. by one (1) or more school corporations or charter schools through a contract between a local law enforcement agency and the school corporation or school corporations or the charter school or charter schools;
- B. by one (1) or more school corporations or charter schools;
- C. by a local law enforcement agency that assigns the school resource officer to one (1) or more school corporations or charter schools through a memorandum of understanding between the local law enforcement agency and the school corporation or school corporations or the charter school or charter schools; or
- D. through a contract between an Indiana business that employs persons who meet the qualifications of a school resource officer and the school corporation or school corporations or the charter school or charter schools.

The contract or memorandum of understanding described above must state the nature and scope of a school resource officer's duties and responsibilities include the duty to assist the Corporation's school safety specialist with the development and implementation of a school safety plan that does the following:

- A. Protects against outside threats to the physical safety of students.
- B. Prevents unauthorized access to school property.
- C. Secures schools against violence and natural disasters.
- D. On or before July 1, 2020, identifies the location of bleeding control kits (as defined in I.C. 20-34-3-24(a)).

A school resource officer shall consult with local law enforcement officials and first responders when assisting the Corporation's school safety specialist in the development of the school safety plan.

A school resource officer shall participate in the development of programs designed to identify, assess, and provide assistance to troubled youth.

A school resource officer shall not be reassigned to other duties by the Corporation.

A school resource officer may:

- A. make an arrest;
- B. conduct a search or a seizure of a person or property using the reasonable suspicion standard;
- C. carry a firearm on or off school property; and
- D. exercise other police powers with respect to the enforcement of Indiana laws.

A school resource officer has jurisdiction in every county where the Corporation operates a school or where the Corporation's students reside. This does not restrict the jurisdiction that a school resource officer may possess due to the officer's employment by a law enforcement agency.

The Corporation shall report all instances of:

- A. seclusion (as defined in I.C. 20-20-40-9);
- B. chemical restraint (as defined in I.C. 20-20-40-2);
- C. mechanical restraint (as defined in I.C. 20-20-40-4); and
- D. physical restraint (as defined in I.C. 20-20-40-5);

involving a school resource officer in accordance with the restraint and seclusion plan adopted by the Corporation under I.C. 20-20-40-14.

## Security Police Training

In the case of a special police officer who is assigned as a security police officer for the Corporation, the Board shall require that the police officer receives training and education, approved by the State Board of Education, that will enable the police officer to appropriately deal with individuals with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

## Mental or Behavioral Health Services

The Corporation shall enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a community mental health center established under State law or a provider certified or licensed by the State to provide mental or behavioral health services to students.

The Corporation may not refer a student to a mental health care provider or community mental health center for services unless the Corporation has received the written consent of the student's parent or guardian. If a referral is made, the Corporation may note the referral in the student's cumulative record but shall not include any possible diagnosis or information concerning the student's mental health other than any medication that the student takes for his/her mental health. A student's record that contains medical information shall be kept confidential. A school counselor or other Corporation employee may not diagnose a student as having a mental health condition unless his/her scope of practice includes diagnosing a mental health condition.

Prior to providing any referrals under a MOU, the Corporation must:

- A. <u>Develop a process for a teacher or Corporation employee to notify a school official to contact a student's parent if the student demonstrates a repeated pattern of aberrant or abnormal behavior. The parental notification process must include a conference with the school, student, and the student's parent;</u>
- B. Require that the aforementioned conference address the student's potential need for and benefit from:
  - 1. mental or behavioral health services; or

- mental or behavioral health services provided by the community mental health center or appropriate provider that is contracted and paid for by the Corporation;
- C. Establish a procedure for a parent who chooses to seek services for the student to follow that includes granting written parental consent for the student to receive mental or behavioral health services by a community mental health center or appropriate provider; and
- D. <u>Protect the confidentiality of any medical records that result from a student's participation in any treatment described in subpart B above and adopt a policy that prohibits the Corporation from:</u>
  - 1. <u>sharing any reports or notes resulting from the provision of mental or behavioral health services described in</u> <u>subpart B.1 above with other school officials; and</u>
  - <u>maintaining any reports, notes, diagnosis, or appointments that result from a student's participation in any</u> treatment described in B.1 or B.2 above in the student's permanent educational file. (See Policy 8330 - Student <u>Records.)</u>

## Persistently Dangerous Schools

The Board recognizes that State and Federal law requires that the Corporation report annually incidents which meet the statutory definition of violent criminal offenses that occur in a school, on school grounds, on a school conveyance, or at a school-sponsored activity. It is further understood that the State Department of Education will then use this data to determine whether or not a school is considered "persistently dangerous" as defined by State policy.

Pursuant to the Board's stated intent to provide a safe school environment, the Corporation's school administrators are expected to respond appropriately to any and all violations of the Student Code of Conduct, especially those of a serious, violent nature. In any year where the number of reportable incidents of violent criminal offenses in any school exceeds the threshold number established in State policy, the Superintendent shall refer this to the Safe School Committee for the Corporation so that a plan of corrective action can be developed and implemented in an effort to reduce the number of these incidents in the subsequent year.

When developed, the Superintendent shall make a report to the Board about this plan of corrective action and recommend approval and adoption of it.

In the unexpected event that the number of reportable incidents in three (3) consecutive school years exceeds the statutory threshold and the school is identified as persistently dangerous, students attending the school shall have the choice option as provided in Policy 5113.02 and AG 5113.02.

In addition, the Superintendent shall meet with the Safe School Committee for the Corporation to discuss the school's designation as a persistently dangerous school, and develop a plan of corrective action that can be implemented in an effort to reduce the number of these incidents in the subsequent year.

## **Victims of Violent Crime**

The Board further recognizes that, despite the diligent efforts of school administrators and staff to provide a safe school environment, an individual student may be a victim of a violent crime in a school, on school grounds, on a school conveyance, or at a school- sponsored activity. In accordance with Federal and State law the parents of the eligible student shall have the choice options provided by Policy 5113.02 and AG 5113.02.

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## 8405 - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES - INDOOR AIR QUALITY, ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM, AND IDLING VEHICLES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The School Board recognizes its responsibility relative to student, employee, and visitor health and safety, and the need for the development of a comprehensive program designed to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment on Corporation property and at Corporation-sponsored activities. To achieve this, it is the intent of the Board that the Corporation will avail itself of the most current, proven technologies in the fields of health, safety, and environmental sciences.

## STUDENT, EMPLOYEE, AND VISITOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Corporation shall develop and implement an environmental health and safety program that is positive, proactive, integrates responsibilities within the Corporation, and promotes and incorporates the following:

- A. Procedures describing a hazard identification and abatement program that requires the periodic inspection of Corporation facilities, the implementation of immediate and programmed corrective actions when deemed necessary by such inspections, and the development of a corporation-wide hazard reporting procedure that enables employee/stakeholder participation. This program should also provide procedures for identifying and responding to hazards that are created by outside entities, inspecting activities of contractors, and inspecting new facilities to determine whether or not appropriate requirements for environmental health and safety have been met.
- B. Procedures that promote environmental health and safety awareness among employees, students, and stakeholders. These procedures shall include, but not be limited to, the establishment of school and Corporation safe school committees, and the establishment of a program of regular communication with students, employees, and stakeholders about pertinent safety and health issues through available mediums in the Corporation.
- C. Procedures directed toward the safety and health of students during transportation to and from school, at school, and during participation in school-related activities. These procedures shall include, but not be limited to, promoting bus safety for students, assessing the safety of school traffic patterns, operating school clinics, administering medication and medical treatment, promoting laboratory and shop safety, promoting safety in sports and other outdoor activities, inspecting playground equipment and promoting safety on playgrounds, and assessing environmental exposure.
- D. Procedures related to Corporation employee health and safety issues that include, but are not limited to, provision of work areas free from recognized hazards and OSHA-related programs that are required by Federal and State law, such as, employee safety and health training and training in hazard recognition, and defining employer and employee responsibilities and expectations related to health and safety.
- E. Procedures describing an accident reporting and investigation system that provides for identification of root causes, determination of remedial and programmed corrective actions, and provides communication about accidents to employees

and stakeholders.

F. Procedures that detail plans for foreseeable emergencies and fire prevention.

## ANIMALS IN CLASSROOMS

Owners of pets and service animals brought on school property are liable for any harm or injury caused by the animal to other students, staff, visitors, and/or property.

## **INDOOR AIR QUALITY (IAQ)**

The Superintendent shall appoint a person to serve as the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Coordinator for the school corporation. The IAQ Coordinator shall serve as the lead contact person for matters related to indoor air quality in the facilities operated by the School Corporation. The IAQ Coordinator contact information shall be available to all students, parents, employees, and visitors by publishing the information on the school corporation's website and in school handbooks. The school corporation shall also notify the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) of the IAQ Coordinator's name and contact information.

Each school facility is to meet criteria established by the ISDH. During inspections by the ISDH, the inspector will investigate any condition that is or could be contributing to poor air quality including, but not limited to the following: carbon dioxide levels, humidity, evidence of mold or water damage, and excess dust.

The Board recognizes that excessive moisture levels within the schools can lead to conditions that are optimum for the development of biological contaminants, such as mold and fungi on building surfaces. The Board further recognizes that the presence of these contaminants can be harmful on contact with respiratory tissue.

Contributing factors to excessive moisture levels include the following:

- A. roof leaks;
- B. structural defects in the building;
- C. improperly controlled humidity levels;
- D. faulty HVAC systems

As preventative measures, the Corporation shall do the following:

A. address prevention of water intrusion as a priority IAQ issue and implement strategies toward its elimination.

When a water leak or intrusion is discovered, corrective action shall be initiated within forty-eight (48) hours.

- B. maintain environmental conditions in occupied areas that are in compliance with applicable regulations and strive to conform to consensus industry standards;
- C. implement a preventative maintenance program for HVAC systems which shall include, but not limited to, periodic filter replacement, inspection, cleaning and disinfecting processes, and procedures to eliminate the contribution to indoor air quality problems caused by this equipment;
- D. implement a system for ensuring materials used and purchased for use in the construction, furnishing and maintenance, including cleaning of facilities, do not contribute to health hazards to employees and students by degrading the quality of indoor air;

In addition, activities that create indoor air quality health hazards shall not be permitted.

E. When mold or mold contaminated material is discovered, corrective action shall be initiated within forty-eight (48) hours.

In addition, the Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines for the proper monitoring of the factors that contribute to excessive moisture and for the development of mitigation plans when, and if, problems with IAQ are identified.

## SCHOOL BUS AND OTHER VEHICLE IDLING

In accordance with the Indiana State Department of Health regulations, the Board endeavors to limit vehicle emissions that may be introduced into school facilities harming the indoor air quality.

The Corporation shall determine areas where idling is prohibited and post signs.

Drivers of all public and private vehicles are to turn off the engine if the vehicle is to be stopped for more than five (5) minutes in locations where the vehicle exhaust may be drawn into the building or while on school grounds. See Policy 8615 and AG 8615.

The staff will be informed of this policy at the start of each school year. Parents and students will be informed of this policy at the start of each school year at annual orientations or through student/parent handbooks.

#### POLLUTION CONTROL AND PREVENTION

In an effort to comply with environmental policy and applicable regulations, the Corporation shall develop and implement procedures designed to prevent air and water pollution, minimize or eliminate waste streams where possible, and identify possible sources of air and water pollution.

#### **DRINKING WATER TESTING**

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing the appropriate testing of drinking water in all school buildings in the Corporation prior to January 1, 2023. The Superintendent must test the water to determine whether the drinking water equals or exceeds the action level for lead established in the Code of Federal Regulations of fifteen (15) parts per billion or fifteen one-thousandths (.015) milligram of lead per liter of water. The Superintendent may satisfy the requirement for testing the drinking water in a school building if the drinking water in the school building:

- A. <u>was tested during the lead sampling program for school buildings conducted by the Indiana finance authority in 2017 and 2018;</u>
- B. is tested in the lead sampling program for school buildings and child care facilities conducted by the Indiana finance authority in 2019 and 2020; or
- C. otherwise has been tested for compliance with the federal standards set forth above since calendar year 2016.

## [NOTE: After calendar year 2022, the drinking water in every school building located in Lake County shall be tested at least one (1) time in each period of two (2) calendar years to determine whether the drinking water equals or exceeds the action level for lead.]

Any system exceeding the action level for lead shall implement all applicable source water treatment requirements established by the State of Indiana and pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations necessary to reduce the lead level to below the action level for lead set forth above. After the implementation of applicable corrosion control and source water treatment requirements have been met, any system exceeding the lead action level shall complete a lead service line replacement. The Superintendent must provide a notice of lead tap water monitoring results to all students, staff, community members who are serving at the school sites that have been tested. If a system exceeds the lead action level, the Superintendent shall implement the public education requirements. The results of the treatment provisions shall be reported to the State of Indiana. The Corporation shall maintain records of the program in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations.

The Superintendent shall seek any State and Federal grant money available for lead sampling or testing, including any money available under the lead sampling program for school buildings and child care facilities conducted by the Indiana finance authority.

## SEE ALSO THE FOLLOWING RELATED POLICIES:

Policy 8420 Emergency Evacuation of Schools Policy 8431 Chemical Management and Preparedness for Toxic Hazard or Asbestos Hazard Policy 8432 Pest Control and Use of Pesticides Policy 8442 Reporting Accidents Policy 8450 Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases Policy 8453 Control of Noncasual-Contact Communicable Diseases Policy 8453.01 Control of Blood-Borne Pathogens Policy 8615 Idling School Buses and Other Idling Vehicles on School Property

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## 8462 - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

As an agency of the State, the School Board is concerned with the physical and mental well-being of the children of this School Corporation and will cooperate in the identification and reporting of cases of suspected child abuse or neglect in accordance with law.

Each staff member employed by this Corporation shall be responsible for reporting immediately every case, whether ascertained or suspected, of abuse, abandonment, cruelty, or neglect resulting in physical or mental injury to a student by other than accidental means. If a staff member has reason to believe a child is a victim of abuse or neglect, s/he shall immediately make a report to the Department of Child Services ("DCS") by calling the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-800-5556 and the Hobart Police Department. After making the report, the staff member shall notify the appropriate building administrator of the circumstances that led to the report that the staff member made to DCS or the police. The building administrator shall document the report and, if unable to confirm the date and time it was made and/or the identity of the person to whom the report was made, shall contact DCS and the police to ensure that they have received the report and an investigation has begun. The building administrator shall secure prompt medical attention for any such injuries reported.

Information concerning alleged abuse or neglect of a student is confidential information and is not to be shared with anyone other than the administration, DCS, the local prosecutor, and the Hobart Police Department. If the parent or a member of the household is not the subject of the investigation, the Corporation may notify the parents that a report was made.

Failing to report suspected child abuse or neglect is a Class B misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Building administrators should be mindful of the possibility of physical or mental abuse inflicted by a staff member. A staff member who violates this policy also may be subject to disciplinary action. Information concerning alleged abuse of a student by a teacher is confidential information and is not to be shared with anyone other than the parent(s), administration, DCS, and the Hobart Police Department. Any such instances, real or alleged, should be dealt with in accordance with the administrative guidelines established by the Superintendent after making a report of suspected abuse or neglect as described above.

The Board requires that each Corporation employee who is likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of his/her employment attend or participate in training on child abuse and neglect, including:

- A. training on the duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect under I.C. 31-33-5; and
- B. training on recognizing possible signs of child abuse or neglect at least once every two (2) years. This training may include an electronic or technology based medium, including self-review modules available on an online system.

The training required by this policy shall count toward the Board's requirements for professional development and be provided during the Corporation employee's contracted day or at a time chosen by the employee.

Also, the Board requires each Corporation employee who is likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of the employee's employment to attend or participate in at least one (1) hour of training at least every two (2) years on the identification and reporting of human trafficking. The format of this training may include:

- A. an in-person presentation;
- B. an electronic or technology based medium, including self-review modules available on an online system;
- C. an individual program of study of designated materials.

This training shall count toward the requirements for professional development required by the Board.

<u>Annually, Not later than December 15, 2018 and annually thereafter</u>, the Corporation shall provide age appropriate and research and evidence based instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. This instruction may be delivered by a school safety specialist, school counselor, <u>school social worker</u>, <u>school psychologist</u>, or any person with training and expertise in the area of child abuse and child sexual abuse.

A staff member who violates this policy in any way may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

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