SCHOOL SAFETY POLICY

Accidents are undesirable, unplanned occurrences that can result in tragic consequences--bodily harm, loss of school time, property damage, legal action, and even fatality. The School Committee will guard against such occurrences by taking precautions to protect the safety of all students, employees, visitors, and others present on school property or at school-sponsored events.

The School Committee will comply with safety requirements established by governmental authorities and will insist that its staff adhere to recommended safety practices as these pertain, for example, to the school facilities, special areas of instruction, student transportation, school sports, and occupational safety.

The practice of safety will also be considered a facet of the instructional program of the schools. Instruction will include accident prevention as well as fire prevention; emergency procedures; traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.

The superintendent will have overall responsibility for the safety program of the school district. It will be the responsibility of the superintendent to see that appropriate staff members are kept informed of current state and local requirements relating to fire prevention, civil defense, sanitation, public health, and occupational safety. The superintendent shall oversee the development of a comprehensive framework to provide Principals with guidelines in developing emergency procedures, which will be shared annually with staff. District officials and principals will work with town safety officers in developing school safety plans.

Efforts directed toward the prevention of accidents will succeed only to the degree that all staff members recognize that preventing accidents is a daily operational responsibility.

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LEGAL REFS:
      M.G.L. 71:55C
      603 CMR 36:00

CROSS REFS:
      EEAE, School Bus Safety Program
      GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety
      IHAM, Health Education
      JLI, Student Safety