# RESCIND BOARD REPORT 87-0527-PO1 LIFE SAFETY AND PROPERTY LOSS PREVENTION POLICY AND ADOPT A NEW LIFE SAFETY AND PROPERTY LOSS PREVENTION POLICY

### THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:

Rescind the current Life Safety and Property Loss Prevention Policy, Board Report 87-0527-PO1 and Adopt a New Life Safety and Property Loss Prevention Policy.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To establish a policy that directs school administrators and officials in appropriate Chicago Public Schools' departments to develop, review and update as needed school safety plans and emergency management plans and to implement those plans that address life safety and property loss prevention issues at each Chicago Public Schools building.

Students and employees of the Chicago Public Schools anticipate a safe environment in which to learn and work. A safe environment requires adequate planning to address situations that impinge on life safety or property loss and that students and employees are trained in how to respond to the situation in an appropriate manner. Administrators and supervisors must make the safeguarding of life and health of students and employees, as well as the prevention of damage and loss of property, a matter of daily concern and recognize that this is a managerial responsibility.

Students and employees have a responsibility to themselves, their families and to the Chicago Public Schools to practice safety at school and in the workplace; to know and obey rules and safety precautionary procedures; and to know, practice and follow emergency procedures.

#### PRESENT POLICY:

"Life Safety and Property Loss Prevention," 87-0527-PO1.

# **HISTORY OF BOARD ACTION:**

On May 27, 1987, the Board adopted a Life Safety and Property Loss Prevention Policy, Board Report 87-0527-PO1.

## **POLICY TEXT:**

The Bureau of Safety and Security, the Bureau of Risk and Benefits Management and the Office of Schools and Regions are to update, publish and distribute the Safe School Plan and the Emergency Management Plan every two (2) years.

The Bureau of Safety and Security and the Bureau of Risk and Benefits Management will provide an annual evaluation of the system-wide Life Safety and Property Loss Prevention programs.

The Department of Operations, in consultation with the Bureau of Safety and Security, will develop and implement a *Safe Building Plan* for the Central Service Center, region and/or area offices and other office and warehouse sites. Implementation of the plan will include annual emergency drills.

The Bureau of Safety & Security, the Bureau of Risk and Benefits Management and the Department of Operations shall develop and review procedures for tracking property losses and replacing lost or damaged property as appropriate. These procedures shall be reviewed every two (2) years.

In schools, the principal will annually develop and implement a *Safe School Plan* and an *Emergency Management Plan* for the school in cooperation with the Bureau of Safety and Security. Plans will be submitted to the Bureau of Safety and Security and to the Area Instructional Officer by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year.

The plans shall include the provisions for instructing staff and students on their roles in an emergency and in conducting emergency drills. School plans will include safety education instruction to students on appropriate safety precautions for both school and play (105 ILCS 5/27-17).

Administrators and supervisory personnel at all levels will be responsible for the implementation and maintenance of an on-going comprehensive Life Safety and Property Loss Prevention program in the areas under their jurisdiction. Further, schools must be in compliance with all applicable building and fire code provisions. In the event of a code violation, the school will promptly follow the procedures set forth by the Department of Operations Asset Management.

LEGAL REFERENCES: 105 ILCS 5/27-17

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