DISTRICT POLICE/ SECURITY DEPARTMENT

To help ensure protect the safety of district students and staff and the security of district property, the Governing Board shall maintain a district police or security department. The Board is committed to providing a positive school climate, mental health services, other student support services, and restorative justice practices to resolve conflicts and reduce law enforcement interactions with students.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to staff regarding the role of security officers and the appropriate circumstances for contacting such officers.

Duties of district security officers shall be delineated in a job description developed approved by the Superintendent or designeeBoard. Such duties shall focus on collaborative problem solving and, when circumstances warrant intervention with students, the use of positive and restorative approaches in accordance with Penal Code 13651. Security officer job duties shall not include the handling of routine student disciplinary matters.

Persons employed or assigned as school security officers shall serve as watchpersons, security guards, or patrolpersons on or about district premises to protect persons or property, prevent the theft or unlawful taking of district property, or report unlawful activity to the district and local law enforcement agencies. (Education Code 38001.5)

When district security officers are unable to perform their duties because of an emergency, including, but not be limited to, war, epidemic, fire, flood, or work stoppage, or when the emergency necessitates additional security services, the Board may contract with a private licensed security agency. In such cases, the Board shall make a specific finding that an emergency exists and shall include this finding in the Board minutes. (Education Code 38005)

Campus Supervisors / security—When notified by a school official of a threat or perceived threat that a student is preparing to commit a homicidal act related to a school or school activity, security officers shall, with the support of the district, immediately conduct an investigation and assessment of the threat or perceived threat. Such investigation and assessment shall include a search of the school site only if there is reasonable assessment shall include a search of the school site only if there is reasonable suspicion that the search would produce evidence related to the threat or perceived threat. (Education Code 49390, 49393, 49394)

Campus Supervisors that are employed by the District more than 20 hours per week must complete SB 1626 training. (Business & Professions Code 75836.6 and 7583.45)

Conduct of Officers

The Board expects campus supervisors / security officers to cooperate and regularly communicate with local law enforcement agencies, and to work collaboratively with other

district staff and community members to participate in the development of long-term, proactive approaches that address the conditions affecting school safety.

Campus Supervisors / security officers shall conduct themselves in ways that promote goodwill and cooperation on the part of students, district staff, and the general public. Campus supervisors need to have a good understanding of the laws and district policies governing their position. Whenever possible, campus supervisors should attempt to generate voluntary compliance without resorting to physical force. In those rare cases when minimal contact is required, pepper spray or other weapons are strictly prohibited from use.

Firearms and Other Weapons Equipment

Campus Supervisors shall not carry firearms, pepper spray or any other weapon prohibited on school grounds.

Records

Security officers shall not have access to student records, nor release student information to another person, agency, or organization, without written permission from the parent/guardian or adult student, unless specifically allowed or required by state or federal law. (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.1)

Records created and maintained by the security department for a law enforcement purpose are not considered disclosable student records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. (34 CFR 99.3)

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