

NOTIFICATION OF SEX OFFENDERS

The Board of Education acknowledges the efforts of local law enforcement to notify the district when a person with a history of sex offenses against a child is being paroled or released into the community, in accordance with the provisions of the Sex Offender Registration Act, commonly known as Megan's Law. The purpose of this notification is to protect members of the community, particularly children, by notifying them of the presence of individuals in their midst who may present a danger. Consistent with its duty to protect students under its care, the district shall cooperate with local law enforcement agencies in this endeavor.

Any information provided by local law enforcement officials pursuant to Megan's Law shall be posted in an appropriate location in all school buildings. In addition, the Superintendent of Schools shall ensure the dissemination of any such information to all staff who might come into contact with the offender in the course of doing their jobs, including Building Principals, staff who issue visitors' passes, bus drivers, custodians, playground monitors, security personnel, and coaches. All other staff members and community residents shall be informed of the posting requirement for such information established by this policy and of the availability of the information, upon request. Community residents shall also be reminded of the security measures and personal safety instruction provided at school. All staff requests for information provided by the law enforcement agencies shall be directed to the Building Principal. Requests for information from community residents shall be directed to the Bethlehem Police.

The Superintendent shall establish any necessary regulations for implementing this policy with the advice of the school attorney.

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1240, Visitors to the Schools

Ref: 42 U.S.C. §1407(d)
Correction Law, Article 6-C (Sex Offender Registration Act)
Doe v. Pataki, 1998 WL 230955 (S.D.N.Y. May 7, 1998) (current injunction)
Doe v. Pataki, 120 F.3d 1263 (2d. Cir. 1997), *cert. denied*, 118 Sup. Ct. 1066 (1998)

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