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The Board of Directors believes the buildings and facilities of the Commission represent a substantial community investment. The Board directs the development and implementation of a plan for Commission security to protect Commission's investment in school buildings and facilities.

The Commission security program will include maintenance of facilities that are secure against unwelcome intrusion; protection against fire hazards and faulty equipment; and compliance with safe practices in the use of electrical, plumbing, heating equipment, and other school building equipment. The Board directs close cooperation of Commission officials with law enforcement, fire officials, and other emergency agencies.

The Superintendent of Schools shall designate a school administrator as a School Safety Specialist for the district in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.3. The School Safety Specialist shall be required to acquire a New Jersey Department of Education School Safety Specialist certification in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.2. The School Safety Specialist shall also serve as the school district's liaison with local law enforcement and national, State, and community agencies and organizations in matters of school safety and security.

Access to school buildings and grounds outside the hours school is in session shall be limited to personnel whose employment requires their presence in the facility. An adequate key control system will be established to limit building access to authorized personnel and guard against the potential of intrusion by unauthorized persons who have obtained access improperly.

Building records and funds shall be kept in a safe place and secured as appropriate and necessary.



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Protective devices designed to be used as safeguards against illegal entry and vandalism may be installed when appropriate. The Board may approve the employment of school resource officers, school security officers, and/or law enforcement officers in situations in which special risks are involved.

N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.1; 18a:17-43.2; 18a17-43.3

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