The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The Board is fully committed to maximizing school safety and to creating a positive learning environment that includes strategies for violence prevention and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the development of a comprehensive districtwide safety plan that is applicable to each school site. (Education Code 32281)

The district and school safety plans shall be reviewed and updated annually. New school campuses shall develop a safety plan within 1 year of initiating operations.

Pursuant to Education Code 32286, the school sites shall by March 1 of every year review and update the school safety plan/s to ensure compliance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Subsequent to this review and update, the comprehensive districtwide safety plan shall be forwarded to the Board for approval at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, and the adoption of the plan shall not be a consent item.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that an updated file of all safety-related plans and materials is readily available for inspection by the public. (Education Code 32282)

By October 15 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the California
Department of Education of any schools that have not complied with the requirements of Education Code 32281.  *(Education Code 32288)*

**TACTICAL RESPONSE PLAN**

Notwithstanding the process described above, any portion of a comprehensive safety plan that includes tactical responses to criminal incidents that may result in death or serious bodily injury at the school site, including steps to be taken to safeguard students and staff, secure the affected school premises, and apprehend the criminal perpetrator(s), shall be developed by district administrators in accordance with Education Code 32281.  In developing such strategies, district administrators shall consult with law enforcement officials and with a representative of an employee bargaining unit, if he/she chooses to participate.

When reviewing the tactical response plan, the Board may meet in closed session to confer with law enforcement officials, provided that any vote to approve the tactical response plan is announced in open session following the closed session.  *(Education Code 32281)*

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)
(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO SAFETY PLAN(S)**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that an updated file of all safety-related plans and materials is readily available for inspection by the public.  *(Education Code 32282)*

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

However, those portions of the comprehensive safety plan that include tactical responses to criminal incidents shall not be publicly disclosed.

*Legal Reference:*

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35183 School dress code; uniforms
35291 Rules
35291.5 School-adopted discipline rules
35294.10-35294.15 School Safety and Violence Prevention Act
41510-41514 School Safety Consolidated Competitive Grant Program
48900-48927 Suspension and expulsion
48950 Speech and other communication
49079 Notification to teacher; student who has committed acts constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion
67381 Violent crime

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422.55 Definition of hate crime
626.8 Disruptions
11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Report Act

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 1, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

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11987-11987.7 School Community Violence prevention Program requirements
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U.S. CODE, TITLE 20
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California Emergency Management Agency: http://www.calema.ca.gov
California Health Kids Survey: http://chks.wested.org
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention
Federal Bureau of Investigation: http://www.fbi.gov
National Alliance for Safe Schools: http://www.safeschools.org
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National School Safety Center: http://www.schoolsafety.us