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Operation and Maintenance

The Superintendent is charged with the responsibility for administering plant operations in the most efficient and economical manner possible, while placing high priority on health and safety of students and conservation of natural resources.

The Board, through the Superintendent and his/her staff, has the responsibility of protecting the District investment in plant and facilities through a systematic maintenance program.

It is expected that the program shall include periodic preventive maintenance activities, long range maintenance schedules and emergency repair procedures. It is further expected that all maintenance work will be carried out in a manner that will cause the least interference with the educational program.

Construction and Remodeling of School Facilities

All capital projects and maintenance must assure compliance with the requirements of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the Manual of Planning Standards and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. All new buildings plans must be formally submitted no matter the size or cost to the New York State Education Department Office of Facilities Planning has provided an Instruction Guide at website: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/facplan/ProjMgmt.htm>

Plans and specifications for the erection, enlargement, repair or remodeling of facilities of the School District shall be submitted to the Commissioner when the contemplated construction costs of such work are ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more, and for all projects affecting the health and safety of students.

Plans and specifications submitted to the Commissioner shall bear the signature and seal of an architect or engineer licensed to practice in the State of New York. The architect or engineer who sealed the plans and specifications shall also certify that the plans and specifications conform to the standards set forth in the State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (19 NYCRR Parts 1220 through 1226) and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code (19 NYCRR Part 1240).

For remodeling or construction projects costing five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more, the District shall assure compliance with the requirements of the State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (19 NYCRR Parts 1220 through 1226) and Commissioner's Regulations Part 155, and shall retain the services of an architect or engineer licensed to practice in New York State.

For remodeling or construction projects costing less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the District shall assure compliance with the requirements of the State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (19 NYCRR Parts 1220 through 1226) and Commissioner's Regulations Part 155.

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Pursuant to Labor Law, school districts must collect and maintain sworn to or affirmed as true payroll records of contractors and subcontractors on district capital projects and preserve such records for a pay period of five (5) years from the completion of the work on the awarded contract. Districts must designate in writing a district employee who will be responsible for receiving, collecting and reviewing payrolls of contractors and subcontractors for validity as well as a designee should that individual be unable to perform such duties for any reason. The names of these individuals and their designation shall be conspicuously posted at the project site.

The school district awarding a public work contract must obtain a Prevailing Rate Schedule listing the hourly rates of wages and supplements due the workers to be employed on a public work project. The Prevailing Rate Schedule must be included in the specifications for the contract to be awarded and is deemed part of the public work contract.

Inspections

The administration of the School System shall cooperate with appropriate officials conducting health, fire, asbestos, bus, and boiler inspections. The administration shall keep the Board of Education informed of the results of such inspections in a timely fashion.

In accordance with law, local building inspectors may not enter District premises at any time they wish. Only the Fire Safety Inspector conducting the Annual Fire Safety Inspection may enter District premises for inspections.

In addition, per the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the District will at least once each school year inform all employees and building occupants (or their legal guardians) about all asbestos inspections, response actions, post-response action activities, as well as triennial re-inspection activities and surveillance activities that are either planned or in progress. Written notice will be provided in the District newsletter and will be filed in the District asbestos management plan.

Vehicle & Equipment Inspection and Preventive Maintenance

The District endeavors to maintain a safe operating condition and to prolong the useful life of all District vehicles and equipment.

The objective is to establish a uniform schedule for daily safety and condition inspections and preventive maintenance for all equipment and vehicles, in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.

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Comprehensive Public School Building Safety Program (Rescue)

To ensure that all school facilities are properly maintained and preserved and provide suitable educational settings, the Board of Education requires that all occupied school facilities which are owned, operated or leased by the District comply with the provisions of the Comprehensive Public School Safety Program and the Uniform Code of Public School Building Inspections, Safety Rating and Monitoring as prescribed in Commissioner's Regulations. For this reason, the School District shall develop a Comprehensive Public School Building Safety Program in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations.

The program shall be reevaluated and made current at least annually, and shall include the following:

- a) A five (5) year capital facilities plan which will include an appraisal of the following: the educational philosophy of the District, with resulting administrative organization and program requirements; present and projected student enrollments; space use and State-rated student capacity of existing facilities; the allocation of instructional space to meet the current and future education program and service needs, and to serve students with disabilities in settings with nondisabled peers; priority of need of maintenance, repair or modernization of existing facilities, including consideration of the obsolescence and retirement of certain facilities; and the provision of additional facilities.
- b) A District-wide building inventory, which will include information pertaining to each building including, but not limited to:
 1. Type of building, age of building, size of building;
 2. Rated capacity, current enrollment;
 3. List of energy sources and major systems (lighting, plumbing, electrical, heating); and
 4. Summary of triennial Asbestos Inspection reports.
- c) A building condition survey shall be conducted for all occupied school buildings once every five (5) years by a team that includes at least one (1) licensed architect or engineer.
- d) A District-wide monitoring system which includes:
 1. Establishing a Health and Safety Committee;
 2. Development of detailed plans and a review process of all inspections;



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3. Procedures for a response in writing to all inquiries about building health and safety concerns, a copy of which will be sent to the District's Health and Safety Committee for oversight, and a copy kept on permanent file.

- e) Procedures to ensure the safety of the building occupants while a construction/renovation project is taking place. These procedures will include:
 1. Notification to parents, staff and the community at least two (2) months in advance when possible of a construction project of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more to be conducted in a school building while the building is occupied; provided, however, that in the case of emergency construction projects, such notice shall be provided as far in advance of the start of construction as is practicable;
 2. A plan to ensure that all contractors comply with all health and safety issues and regulations, and wear photo identification badges;
 3. An opportunity for the District's Health and Safety Committee to conduct a walkthrough inspection of newly renovated or constructed areas to confirm that the area is ready to be reopened for use; and
 4. An emergency plan which will address potential concerns with the capital project including, but not limited to, evacuation procedures, fire drills, and structural failures.

Fire Inspection:

Education Law Section 807-a

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 155.4

Health and Safety Committee:

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 155.6(c)(17) Health

Inspection:

Education Law Section 906 Asbestos

Inspection:

40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 763, Subpart E

Education Law Article 9-A Plans and Specifications:

Education Law Sections 408, 408-a and 409

Labor Law Sections 220(3-a)(a)(iii) and 220(5)

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 155.1 and 155.2

19 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 1220-1240

Structural Safety Inspections:

Education Law Sections 409-d, 409-e, 3602 and 3641(4)

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Sections 155.1, 155.3, 155.4(b)(1) and 155.6

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