

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TWENTY FOUR

NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE OF CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS

POLICY 5147

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for the health and safety of the students enrolled within the School District and for those students' receiving services or participating in programs or events on School District property. In light of that responsibility, the School District may take appropriate precautionary measures in situations where the School District has been advised by law enforcement officials that a convicted sex offender resides in the community.

Where School District officials are advised that an individual convicted of a sexual offense resides in the community, the School District will endeavor to give notice in accordance herewith in order to minimize the possibility that the released sex offender will come into contact with school-age children. Furthermore, the School District is committed to determine the cooperation with local law enforcement officials which will best promote and protect the safety and well-being of its students. Whenever information is received from local law enforcement officials under the Sex Offender Registration Act that a registered sex convicted offender is residing in the community, such information may be disseminated at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, after consideration of the various factors including but not be limited to the nature of the offense against the victim, to the following people or entities:

- Building Principals;
- Appropriate Staff;
- Supervisors of school related organizations or school sponsored programs which regularly meet or are regularly conducted on School District property; and/or
- School Community.

The School District will post a link to the Sex Offender Registration Act website. The School District will comply with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Law and will provide information received from law enforcement officials in response to written requests for information concerning the release of convicted sex offenders pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law and after seeking advice of counsel. The Superintendent of Schools reserves the right to disseminate such information to such additional individuals or groups of individuals who, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Schools, have a legitimate need to be notified of such information to protect the health, safety or welfare of children residing within the School District.

Any individual receiving notice hereunder shall inform appropriate school officials if they observe on school property, at bus stops or any other location where school related activities take place, an individual whose description matches that of a released sex offender.

Ref: 42 U.S.C. §16901 et seq
Correction Law, Article 6-C (Sex Offender Registration Act)

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