

Non-Instructional Operations

Sex Offender Notification

The Ledyard Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for the health and safety of the students enrolled within the District and for those youngsters receiving services or participating in programs or events on school grounds. Therefore, the Board requires that precautionary measures be taken in situations where school officials have been advised by law enforcement officials that a person who has been required to register as a sex offender under sections 54-251 through 54-254, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes resides within the District.

The Superintendent shall inform the Board of any actions taken under this policy.

Dissemination of Information

When school officials are advised that a registered sex offender resides within the District, the Superintendent shall give notice in accordance with the guidance of this policy in order to minimize the possibility that the released sex offender will come into contact with students within the District.

At his/her discretion and after consideration of various factors, the Superintendent may disseminate such information, including specifying limitations on any further dissemination, to any or all of the following entities:

- Building administrators;
- Appropriate administrative and teaching staff;
- Custodians;
- Athletic coaches;
- Supervisors of school-related organizations or other programs that regularly meet or are conducted in school buildings or on school grounds;
- School transportation contractors; and
- Presidents of parent-teacher organizations.

The Superintendent may also disseminate such information to other individuals or groups who, in the opinion of the Superintendent, have a legitimate need to be notified of such information in order to protect the health, safety or welfare of District students.

Warning Against Improper Action

All individuals or groups, who are informed by the Superintendent or by any District employee that a registered sex offender resides within the District, shall be warned that "Any person who uses information in the sex offender registry to injure, harass or commit a criminal act against any person included in the registry or any other person is subject to criminal prosecution." Such warning shall be prominently included in any written or electronic documentation regarding the presence of a registered sex offender within the District.

Community Education Program

When school officials are advised that a registered sex offender resides within the District, the Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate administrative personnel, law enforcement agencies, and/or Town officials, shall decide whether or not to request that the state Court Support Services Division conduct a community response education program. The purpose of such program is to assist neighborhoods, parents and children to learn how to better protect themselves from sexual abuse and sexual assault. The program includes information on prevention and risk reduction concerning sexual abuse and

sexual assault and the enforcement of requirements concerning the registration and supervision of sexual offenders and the notification of communities where such offenders reside.

Related Policies:

1411 – Law Enforcement Agencies

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes

54-250. Definitions.

54-258. Availability of registration information. Immunity.

54-258a. Warning against wrongful use of registry information.

54-261. Community response education program.

Title 42, United States Code, Section 14071 – *Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Program*

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