



# Naples Central School District

## **DISTRICT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

### Commissioner's Regulation 155.17

#### **Introduction**

Emergencies and violent incidents in school districts are critical issues that must be addressed in an expeditious and effective manner. Districts are required to develop a District-wide School Safety Plan designed to prevent or minimize the effects of serious violent incidents and emergencies and to facilitate the coordination of the district with local and county resources in the event of such incidents or emergencies.

The district-wide plan is responsive to the needs of all schools within the district and is consistent with the more detailed emergency response plans required at the school building level. Districts are at risk of a wide variety of acts of violence, natural, and technological disasters. To address these threats, the State of New York has enacted the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) law. This component of Project SAVE is a comprehensive planning effort that addresses risk reduction/prevention, response, and recovery with respect to a variety of emergencies in the school district and its schools.

The Naples Central School District continues to support this integral component of the SAVE Legislation through the regular review and updating of its contents. The Superintendent of Schools encourages and advocates this ongoing district-wide cooperation and support of Project SAVE.

#### **General Considerations and Planning Guidelines**

##### ***Purpose***

The Naples Central School District-wide School Safety Plan was developed pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation 155.17. At the direction of the Naples Central School District Board of Education, the Superintendent of Naples Central School District appointed a District-wide School Safety Team and charged it with the development and maintenance of the District-wide School Safety Plan.

##### ***Identification of School Teams***

As referenced in the previous section, the Naples Central School District has appointed a District-wide School Safety Team consisting of, but not limited to, representatives of the School Board, students, teachers, administrators, parent organizations, school safety personnel, and, other school personnel.

The members of the team and their positions or affiliations are as follows:

- Nicole Green (High School Principal)
- Philip Bariteau (High School Teacher)
- Sheila Brundage (Naples Ambulance)
- LaVerne Webster (Fire Chief)
- Patrick Elwell (Transportation Supervisor)
- Laura Finnan (High School Nurse)
- Laurie Fitzgerald (Elementary School Teacher)
- Kevin Swartz (Superintendent/Safety Team Chair)
- Matthew Green (High School Teacher)
- Carrie Grove (Elementary School Teacher on Special Assignment)
- Shawn Mason (Director of Facilities)
- Rick Jaus (School Resource Officer—Ontario County Deputy)
- Monica Kastner (High School Counselor)
- Jason Klewicki (NYS Trooper)
- Heather Clark (Assistant Principal/Data Coordinator)
- Tammy Matthews (Elementary School Psychologist)
- Brian Meteyer (Elementary School Psychologist)
- William Murphy (High School Counselor)
- Katherine Piedici (PPS Director)
- Darlene Wolfanger (Teacher Aide)
- Kristina Saucke (Elementary School Principal)
- Melissa Andaloro (High School Psychologist)
- Kelly VandeSande (Elementary School Nurse)
- Benjamin Pursell (Director of Technology)
- Lindsey Evershed-Pursel (Director of Student Learning, Curriculum, and Assessment)
- Board of Education Member: Jacob Hall

### ***Concept of Operations***

General protocols reflected in the District-wide School Safety Plan guide the development and implementation of the Building Safety Plans. The District-wide Safety Plan sets forth the general procedures and protocols to be adhered to at each school and serve as the standard operating procedures.

In developing the district-wide plan, key internal and external stakeholders were involved in order to garner the best local operational knowledge and the best emergency management and safety expertise in creating and revising the plan. The Naples Central School is an integral part of the community and, as such, it is important that community stakeholders are involved and understand the role of the school district and its relationship to the safety of the community at large.

In the event of an emergency or violent incident, the initial response to all emergencies at an individual school will be by the Building Safety Teams.

Upon activation of the Building Safety Teams, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee will be notified and, where appropriate, local emergency officials will also be notified. Efforts may be supplemented by county and state resources through existing protocols.

### **Chief Emergency Officer**

The Superintendent of Schools is the District's Chief Emergency Officer. The responsibilities of the Chief Emergency Officer are:

- Coordinating communication between school staff and first responders
- Ensuring understanding of the district-wide safety plan
- Ensuring completion and of building-level plans
- Ensuring the amendment of all plans as needed

### **Plan Review and Public Comment**

Pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation, Section 155.17 (e)(3), this plan will be made available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption. The district-wide plan may be adopted by the School Board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested parties. The plan must be formally adopted by the Board of Education.

Full copies of the District-Wide School Safety Plan and any amendments will be submitted to the New York State Education Department within 30 days of adoption. In addition, the Building Safety Plans will be sent to the New York State Police and the Ontario County Sheriff's Department.

This plan will be reviewed periodically during the year and will be maintained by the District-wide Safety Team. The required annual review will be completed on or before July 1 of each year after its adoption by the Board of Education. A copy of the plan will be available on the district website.

### **Prevention/Intervention Strategies**

Initiatives that improve the culture and climate in our schools and improve communication at all levels can substantially enhance our ability to truly prevent any negative event from occurring. Prevention would always be preferred over risk reduction. However, not all such events will be prevented despite our best efforts. Therefore, we must formulate plans to intervene and reduce risk by minimizing the impact of any negative event.

This section will identify specific prevention and risk reduction strategies that have been implemented within the Naples Central School District. Many of these components serve as both prevention and risk reduction tools.

#### ***Strategies for Identifying Needs Related to Creating a Positive, Safe Learning Environment:***

- Review of Academic and Behavioral Data
- Building and Grade Level Team Meetings
- Initiatives from the Character Education Committee
- Needs Assessments Conducted by the Mental Health Advisory Committee

#### ***Strategies and/or Programs Intended to Create and/or Maintain a Safe Learning Environment:***

- Presentations from the School Resource Officer (SRO)
- MTSS Behavioral Supports
- Health Classroom Instruction

- Weekly Student Support Team Meetings
- Restorative Circles
- Character Education Assemblies
- Check In/Check Out Systems
- Counseling Supports
- Creation of the RISE Program
- Peer/Academic Leader Program

***Efforts to Improve Communication Between and Among Students:***

- Creation and Use of Grade Level List-serves
- Regular Paper and Electronic Newsletters
- District Social Media Accounts
- Restorative Circles
- Superintendent's Advisory Council
- Inclusion of Students on Certain NCS Committees

**Training, Drills, and Exercises**

The District will provide annual multi-hazard school safety training for all staff and students. For staff, the training will take place in online trainings, full-scale drills, table top exercises, and staff development programs when appropriate. For students, the trainings will involve classroom activities, full-scale drills, and assemblies. The components of this training will be consistent across the district while the means of dissemination will likely be varied due to the grade levels involved and other building specific issues. Staff training will be routinely conducted at the school level followed by age-appropriate drills with the entire school population.

The District will ensure that each building conducts drills and exercises to test the components of their respective building-level plan. The use of tabletop exercises to accomplish this task in coordination with local and county emergency response and preparedness officials may be considered when live drills are impractical or not sufficient to meet training goals. Specific drills and training will be conducted for selected response protocols including: Shelter-In-Place; Hold-In-Place, Evacuation, Lockout, and Lockdown. Additionally, fire, natural gas, bomb threat and alternate site evacuations may/will be conducted annually and may involve a staff drill or training session only or the entire school population.

In addition, Early Dismissal drills will not occur more than 15 minutes earlier than normal dismissal time. Transportation and communication procedures will be included in the test, and parents and guardians will be notified in writing at least one week prior to such drill.

The emergency back-up generators and lighting are also tested annually and all systems verified functional without electricity.

The following are mandated as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016:

- 8 - Evacuation Drills (fire drills) and 4 lock down Drills every School Year.
- 8 - Drills by December 31<sup>st</sup>
- 4 - Evacuation Drills using secondary means of egress
- 1 – Drill during lunch or assembly unless instruction is provided on how to do same.

## ***Personnel Acting in School Security Capacity***

### Routine Precautions by all staff

All staff members are expected to immediately report to their building principal any information they have received or observations they have made regarding anything that could possibly impact the safety and security of anyone within the school community.

Note: Staff should always err on the side of safety and share such information each and every time. No detail is too small or inconsequential as individual staff may not be aware of all circumstances surrounding a particular student or concern.

### Limited Access

Each school district building is tasked with implementing this policy while tailoring it to the specific needs of their building. Generally, this means that the fewest exterior doors necessary to maintain normal business will remain unlocked during portions of the regular school day – most commonly to facilitate morning arrival. Those doors that may need to remain unlocked during a portion of the school/business day should be monitored in some fashion. All entrances are to be secured shortly after the start of the instructional day.

Once secured for the instructional day, the schools may utilize an audio and/or video electronic, visitor access control system at their primary entrances that provides a means for school staff to remotely screen and approve visitors prior to actually granting them access into the building.

The schools also utilize a keyless entry / electronic access control system allowing specific access (designated days/times, buildings and entrances) to authorized personnel by presenting a programmed proximity identification card to a reading device at those entrances. This system also automatically unlocks and locks specific entrances to accommodate normal arrival, dismissal and after school activity.

### Staff Photo Identification Badges

All Naples Central School District employees are issued photo identification (proximity) badges that are to be displayed at all times while on school district property to assist visitors, students and staff in identifying employees as well as possible intruders.

### Visitor policy

Should an unannounced visitor appear at a classroom, office or be observed in the hallways without proper identification (visitor pass or a note from the office), staff may approach and inquire as to a subject's business or contact their school's main office immediately.

### Student Sign-Out Procedures

Schools are diligent in ensuring that only those persons authorized to sign-out students are allowed to do so utilizing the applicable data maintained within School Tool. Staff may also require a photo ID if the requesting party is unknown to them and may contact a parent or guardian for confirmation when deemed appropriate.

### Video Surveillance

A digital video surveillance system is in service in the Naples Central School to assist in monitoring, deterring and recording activity in high use areas, as well as areas of chronic concern or perceived vulnerability.

### Fire Alarm

A fire detection alarm that is linked to a central monitoring station is in service at every Naples school building. These alarms and fire response procedures are tested regularly consistent with New York State Education Department regulations.

### Mass Communication System (Blackboard Connect)

The School District utilizes the Blackboard Connect mass communication system capable of making emergency notifications to all or a portion of the school community.

### School Resource Officer

The District contracts with Ontario County to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) on campus during the school day and at other district events. The SRO assumes a number of roles involving:

- Safety expert and law enforcer
- Problem solver and liaison to community partners
- Educator

*\* Please see a copy of the attached agreement the District has with the Ontario County Sheriff's Office regarding a SRO*

### Random Drug Sniffing Canine Search

The District will occasionally conduct canine searches throughout the school year.

### Vital Educational Agency Information

The District maintains general information about each educational agency located in the school district, including information on: school population, number of staff, transportation needs, and the business and home telephone numbers of key officials of each such educational agency.

### ***Early Detection of Potentially Violent Behaviors***

The District recognizes the importance of early recognition and intervention into conflicts and potentially violent or threatening behaviors. As such, the District will ensure that appropriate school violence prevention and intervention training will be incorporated into phases of staff professional development.

Informative materials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors shall be made available to the school community through various means that may include brochures, district-wide newsletters, and the district website.

Students, parents, and all staff are encouraged to share information regarding any student conflicts, threats or troubling behaviors with the appropriate school administrator so that an investigation can commence in a timely fashion if deemed necessary.

This communication may extend beyond the Naples Central School District personnel to include members of the District's Safety Team, Law Enforcement, Mental Health Professionals, etc., when deemed appropriate and within existing legal parameters.

### ***Hazard Identification***

The list of sites of potential emergency include: all school buildings, playground areas, properties adjacent to schools, on and off-site athletic fields, buses, and off-site field trips. Each individual Building Health and Safety Team has assessed their own facility for any unique hazards and has documented them on their respective Building Safety Plans.

### ***Notification and Activation (Internal and External Communications)***

Incident Commanders are authorized to and will initiate contact with the appropriate law enforcement officials in the event of a violent incident. Possible points of contact may include:

- 911
- Ontario County Sheriff's Office: 585-394-4560
- New York State Troop E: 585-398-4100

The process for informing educational agencies within a school district of a disaster or an act of violence include the following possible forms of communication: telephone, e-mail, district radio system, NOAA weather radio, district website, intercom or PA system, local media, Blackboard Connect Emergency Alert System, others as appropriate or necessary.

The system may specify that in the event of an emergency, or impending emergency, the district will notify all principals/designees within the district to take the appropriate action. The District will utilize the Blackboard Connect Emergency Alert System to contact parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to the students in the event of a violent incident or an early dismissal. The district might also use local media in some instances or post information on the district website.

## **Situational Responses**

### **Multi-Hazard Response**

In the event of a catastrophic emergency (fire, building collapse, etc.) the evacuation of the building and the preservation of life is the only consideration. It is anticipated that specific procedures outlined in this document, particularly as they relate to notifications, line of authority, etc., may well be violated in cases involving catastrophic emergencies.

There are many variables that could impact the manner in which the Building Safety Teams respond to a particular occurrence. These variables could include: time of day, weather, age of students, and location of students, anticipated response time of emergency responders, availability of support personnel, and availability of transportation. Specific emergency situations are identified and standard response procedures are detailed in Building-level Emergency Response Plans; however, given the aforementioned variables, it is impractical to try and map out the specific steps to take for every conceivable scenario. It is more practical to focus on just a few critical decisions that need to be made in every emergency pursuant to our primary goal of preventing injury and loss of life.

The building principal is designated as the person in charge during the initial response to any emergency at their respective school. The principal will provide leadership, organize activities and disseminate information with the assistance of the Building Safety Teams and the District Safety Team, if needed. If the principal is unavailable, or not on site, the Designated Alternate will act in their absence with the same authority and responsibility.

In most instances where this level of school response is warranted, the school will be seeking assistance from outside emergency responders in resolving the situation. As such, the immediate objective is generally to contain and manage the incident until the emergency responders arrive on scene.

Procedures for obtaining advice and assistance from local government officials including the county or city officials responsible for implementation of Article 2-B of the Executive Law. By contacting 9-1-1, the system for coordinating the delivery of assistance from both the county and local agencies will be activated.

Each Building-level Emergency Response Plan includes procedures and actions that will be implemented in the event of the occurrence of a hazardous event. Such plans are not available to the public, nor are they to be included in the District-level Safety Plan.

#### Responses to Acts of Violence: Implied or Direct Threats

The District's policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct threats of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors to the school will be included in the Building-level Safety Plans. The following types of procedure(s) may be used by the district:

- Use of staff trained in de-escalation or other strategies to diffuse the situation.
- Inform Building Principal of implied or direct threat.
- Determine level of threat with Superintendent/Designee.
- Contact appropriate law enforcement agency, if necessary.
- Monitor situation, adjust response as appropriate, include the possible use of the Emergency Response Team.

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- Determine level of threat with Superintendent/Designee.
- If the situation warrants, isolate the immediate area and evacuate if appropriate.
- Inform Building Principal/Superintendent.
- If necessary, initiate lockdown procedure, and contact appropriate law enforcement agency.
- Monitor situation; adjust response as appropriate; if necessary, initiate early dismissal, sheltering or evacuation procedures.



## Response Protocols

The District's selection of appropriate responses to emergencies, including protocols for responding to bomb threats, hostage takings, intrusions and kidnappings will be included in the Building-level Safety Plans. The following possible protocols are provided as examples:

- Identification of decision-makers
- Plans to safeguard students and staff
- Procedures to provide transportation, if necessary
- Procedures to notify parents
- Procedures to notify media
- Debriefing procedures

## Arrangements for Obtaining Emergency Assistance from Local Government

Arrangements for obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency services organizations and local government agencies include contacting:

- 911 immediately
- Ontario County Sheriff's Office: 585-394-4560
- NYS Troopers: 585-398-4100
- Naples Fire Department: 585-374-2370
- Naples Ambulance: 585-374-2170

## Procedures for Obtaining Advice and Assistance from Local Government Officials

In the event of an emergency where additional advice, assistance, or assets not readily available to the District are needed; the Superintendent, his/her designee or the School Resource Officer (SRO) will contact:

- Naples Town Supervisor: 585-374-2111
- Naples Village Mayor: 585-374-2435

## District Resources Available for Use in an Emergency

District resources which may be available during an emergency include all of our facilities at the campus, our buses, and other vehicles trucks. We can also contact the Town Highway Department for access to heavy equipment and other resources.

## Procedures to Coordinate the Use of School District Resources and Manpower during Emergencies

The Naples Central School District will use the Incident Command System to coordinate the use of school district resources and manpower during emergencies.

### Protective Action Options

Plans for taking the following actions in response to an emergency where appropriate will be included in Building-level Emergency Response Plans: school cancellation, early dismissal, evacuation, and sheltering.

### **Recovery**

#### ***District Support for Buildings***

After an incident, the safety teams will work with stakeholders to provide needed supports. Necessary resources will be deployed in order to support students, staff, and community members.

#### ***Disaster Mental Health Services***

Mental health services needed will be addressed by the appropriate safety team. The Naples Central School District will activate its Critical Team to address the personal and psychological needs of the students and staff following a traumatic incident. The District's Employee Assistance Program is available for staff members. The Superintendent of Schools will make the determination for the need for outside mental health resources in the event of a disaster or other traumatic event.

*Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes, Inc.*

*671 South exchange Street*

*Geneva, NY 14456; 315-789-2613*

*[www.fcsfl.org](http://www.fcsfl.org)*

For incidents of a larger magnitude, the District may need to request the services of the County and State Mental Health Agencies for support services. New York State has a statewide plan for the delivery of mental health services. These services can be accessed through Ontario County Mental Health Services or directly from the State of New York at the following numbers:

*Ontario County Community Mental Health Services* (585) 396-4363

*Yates County Community Services Department* (315) 536-5115

*NYS Office of Mental Health Services - Disaster Mental Health Services* (518) 474-2578

Once the incidents have been resolved, the *Superintendent* will hold a Post Incident de-briefing to discuss what transpired during the event and how the District and the Emergency Response Team can improve their response to bring resolution to the matter more quickly and efficiently

## Chapter 168 and the Required Amendment to the School District's Emergency Plan

### a. Essential Personnel:

- *Facilities and Maintenance Staff:* Needed to ensure buildings and grounds are cleaned, disinfected, etc. on a regular basis. Shifts would be staggered to follow social distancing guidelines.
  - o Director of Facilities, Maintenance Mechanics, Grounds, Custodians, Cleaning Staff
- *District Office Personnel:* Would follow a rotational schedule to ensure the continuity of payroll, benefits, communications, etc.
  - o Superintendent, Business Official, District Clerk/Confidential Secretary, Accounts Payable Clerk, Account Clerk-Typist
- *Technology Department Staff:* Would support the hardware/software/etc. needs of staff and students to ensure that remote learning needs are met.
  - o Technology Coordinator as well as Information Technology Support Technician I or Information Technology Support Technician II
- *Building and/or District Administrators and Office Staff:* Would work a limited number of days per week to ensure the continuity of learning, communications, etc.
  - o Principals, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Director of Student Learning, Curriculum, and Assessment, and Assistant Principal/Data Coordinator
  - o Typists, Clerks, Information Technology Support Technician I or Information Technology Support Technician II
- *Transportation Department and Food Service Department:* Would follow a rotational schedule if required to provide students with meals or devices for remote learning.
  - o *Food Service Director, Cooks, Food Service Helpers*
  - o *Transportation Supervisor, Head Bus Driver, Bus Drivers, Bus Monitors*
- *Other Faculty and Staff:* Depending on guidance from New York State and/or the Department of Health, and local contractual language, other faculty and staff members would perform their work responsibilities in-person or remotely.

### b. Telecommuting/Remote Work:

The District has worked to ensure that all non-essential employees have the devices, software, hot spots, network access, etc. needed to perform their job responsibilities remotely. To accomplish this, the District has used staff surveys, a Technology Committee, and an IT Helpdesk email system to identify and meet technology-related needs. Additionally, the District has used a combination of conference as well as asynchronous days to provide employees with professional development focused on supporting remote learning.

### c. Work Shift Staggering:

Throughout the reopening process, the District has prioritized social distancing, face coverings, hand washing, and disinfecting. Furthermore, the District has sought to reduce exposure by moving in-person meetings and interactions to Zoom to the greatest extent practicable. If required to implement staggered work shifts to provide an extra layer of safety, buildings or departments would design schedules in alignment with existing guidance from New York State or the Department of Health.

**d. PPE Protocols:**

All PPE items are currently stored in the High School basement facility storage area. Only Facilities personnel have access to this room. Staff members place a request into the Master Library System. A member of the Facilities Department will bring the requested items to the requester the same day or the following day. Once the facilities member has done this, they will mark the order complete in the Master Library System. Inventory is maintained by the Director of Operations and reordered as necessary.

**e. Exposure to confirmed COVID-19 cases or any other health related issue:**

The District will follow all guidance as provided by the NYS Department of Health and the NYS Education Department regarding COVID protocols or any other health related issue.

**f. Documenting Work Hours and Locations:**

Staff in the District Office, the Main Offices, and the Central Business Office will document work hours and locations using WinCap Web, Aesop, Google Docs, and PDF fillable forms (details might differ slightly based on the work responsibilities of the employee).

**g. Emergency Housing for Essential Employees:**

Due to limited housing options in the region, this section is not applicable to the Naples Central School District.