

POLICY 305-3

SAFE SCHOOLS

The Department shall establish procedures for ensuring the safety and security of students, employees and facilities in the event of threats to safety, including, but not limited to, bomb threats and demonstrations.

The Department may enter into agreements with government entities to assign law enforcement officers to a school campus as school resource officers. Prior to any such assignment for an extended period, the Department and the appropriate entity representing the law enforcement officers shall establish a written agreement, approved by the Superintendent, defining the roles and responsibilities of the school resource officers and the parties to the agreement. The agreement shall affirm the principal's role as the administrative and operational head of the school campus and shall require appropriate orientation or training for school resource officers. The Department shall provide a regular report on the school resource officer program.

Rationale: Student safety and security is a critical component of an effective and enriching learning environment. It is imperative to ensure that schools are appropriately prepared. The Board also recognizes the benefits of school partnerships that involve law enforcement officers to encourage safe school learning environments and positive school climates.

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