



Date: March 22, 2010

Topic: Proposed Chancellor's Regulation A-414

Date of Panel Vote: March 23, 2010

Summary of Proposed Chancellor's Regulation A-414

Chancellor's Regulation A-414, regarding school safety plans, has been amended in accordance with the 2009 amendments to the Education Law. Changes include:

- The members of the School Safety Committee have been expanded to include community members and local ambulance and other emergency response agencies.
- The role and responsibilities of the School Safety Committee are set forth in more detail.
- The School Safety Committee must hold at least one annual meeting which is open to all parents in that school.
- The principal/designee must submit documentation of the School Safety Committee's monthly meeting on a monthly basis.
- In campus settings principals must ensure that the safety plan contain specific information for each school on campus and campus information that pertains to the entire school building.
- A hard copy of the plan must be kept in a secure location by the Principal(s) of the school/campus.
- The emergency response information of each School Safety Plan must be confidential and may not be disclosed.

Summary of Issues Raised in Written and Oral Comments and Significant Alternatives Suggested

The following comments were received:

- 1) Why is a teacher or UFT Chapter Chair the only person on the safety committee to bring charges of a violation of the safety plan, when there are other constituents on the safety committee?

2) Why is there no mention of how often or if fire or evacuation drills are mandatory?

**Analysis of Issues Raised, Significant Alternatives Proposed
and Changes Made to the Proposal**

The DOE did not make any changes to the regulation and will present the regulation to the PEP as it is posted. With regard to the first recommendation, the regulation does not preclude other school constituents from bringing grievances regarding the school safety plan pursuant to their collective bargaining agreements. With regard to the second recommendation, the regulation requires that each school must prepare and submit a school safety plan that is consistent with the safety plan template. The safety plan template sets forth the requirements schools must follow regarding drills.

A copy of the regulation can be obtained at <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/6CD79BF3-24B6-46D6-BA23-79309DA56B60/77009/A414.pdf>.