SOMERSWORTH

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY INFORMATION

The School Board recognizes the danger sex offenders can pose to student safety. Further the Board recognizes that under RSA 651-B:7, it is the responsibility of law enforcement to maintain a list of registered offenders residing in the community. Therefore, the School District will not disseminate sex offender registry information to parents. Anyone requesting registry information from the School District will be referred to local law enforcement authorities or the State of New Hampshire's Registered Sex Offender Registry website http://www.egov.nh.gov/nsor.

USE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY INFORMATION

Sex Offender Registry information that is available may be used by the superintendent and school officials for screening current or prospective School District employees or volunteers and for the protection of the School District's students and employees. Registry information will not be used to intimidate or harass others.

Sex offender registry information that is available to District officials may be provided to those employees who are most likely to observe unauthorized persons on or near school property. When registry information is disseminated by the superintendent or a principal to staff, it will include a notice that such information should not be shared with others and may only be used for the purposes of protecting students and employees.

PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT STUDENTS

At the discretion of the superintendent and/or designee, alternative arrangements may be made for school recess, physical education periods or any other school activity in order to protect District students from sex offenders.

EDUCATION

The superintendent will take steps to ensure that the K-8 health curriculum addresses student awareness and protection from abuse, abduction or exploitation. The Board encourages the superintendent to work closely with local law enforcement officials to increase awareness in the school community about the danger of sexual predators to children.

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