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NOTIFICATION OF JUVENILE OFFENDER CASE DISPOSITION

School principals have a need to receive and have access to juvenile justice proceedings involving juveniles who are registered students in the school building. The school principal shall have access to information relating to juvenile justice proceedings in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60.

The school principal may request from law enforcement agencies at the time of charge, adjudication or disposition, information as to the identity of a juvenile student charged, the adjudication and the disposition. The school principal may inform school staff members of this information if the principal deems it appropriate for maintaining order, safety or discipline in the school or for planning programs relevant to the juvenile's educational and social development. This information will not become part of the juvenile student's permanent school record and shall not be maintained except as authorized by regulation of the Department of Education.

A law enforcement or prosecuting agency shall at the time of charge, adjudication or disposition, advise the school principal of the school where the juvenile is enrolled, of the identity of the juvenile charged, the offense charged, the adjudication and the disposition if:

1. The offense occurred on school property or a school bus, occurred at a school-sponsored function or was committed against an employee or official of the school; or
2. The juvenile was taken into custody as a result of information or evidence provided by school officials; or
3. An offense, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime and the offense:
 - a. resulted in death or serious bodily injury or involved an attempt or conspiracy to cause death or serious bodily injury; or
 - b. involved the unlawful use or possession of a firearm or other weapon; or
 - c. involved the unlawful manufacture, distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog; or



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- d. was committed by a juvenile who acted with a purpose to intimidate an individual or group of individuals because of race, color, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity; or
- e. would be a crime of the first or second degree.

Information provided in accordance with the section above shall be treated as confidential. The school principal may inform school staff members of this information if the principal deems it appropriate for maintaining order, safety or discipline in the school or to planning programs relevant to the juvenile's educational and social development. This information will not become part of the juvenile student's permanent school record and shall not be maintained except as authorized by regulation of the Department of Education.

Law enforcement or the prosecuting agency may provide the school principal with information identifying one or more juveniles who are under investigation or who have been taken into custody for the commission of any act that would constitute an offense if committed by an adult when the law enforcement or prosecuting agency determines that the information may be useful to the principal in maintaining order, safety, or discipline in the school or in planning programs relevant to the juvenile's educational and social development. Information provided in accordance with the section above shall be treated as confidential, but the school principal may inform school staff members of this information if the principal deems it appropriate for maintaining order, safety or discipline in the school or for planning programs relevant to the juvenile's educational and social development. No information provided in accordance with this paragraph shall be maintained.

The principal who requests and/or receives information as specified in this policy shall notify the Superintendent or designee within twenty-four hours.

The school district shall comply with the Department of Education rules and regulations concerning the creation, maintenance and disclosure of pupil records regarding school principal notification of juvenile offender case disposition and this policy.



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