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TO: District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Schools  
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SUBJECT: District-Wide School Safety Plan Internet Posting

This is to follow-up on my memos of February 18, 2011 concerning the posting of District-Wide School Safety Plans on your school's web site.

On July 18, the Board of Regents approved the amendment to Section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to School Safety Plans. The Board voted to amend Section 155.17(e) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to require that certain information relating to school safety be included in the school emergency response plan, which is confidential, rather than the district-wide school safety plan, which is available to the public. See the Regents item on the Amendment to Section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to School Safety Plans and <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2011Meetings/May2011/511p12d2.pdf>.

Based on this regulatory amendment, effective immediately districts should post the District-Wide Safety Plan on their web site. Please keep in mind that the district-wide plan is a public document and is FOILable. The building-level school safety plan is a confidential document. Therefore, confidential information including home phone numbers and tactical strategies for responding to an emergency must only be included in the building-level safety plan; which shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure under article six of the Public Officers Law or any other provision of law (155.17(e)(3)).

Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Support Services Office at 518-486-6090 with questions or concerns. Thank you and have a safe school year.