

POLICY 2.031

- 4-A** I recommend the Board adopt the proposed revised Policy 2.031, entitled "Comprehensive Safety Inspections."

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Adoption

CONSENT ITEM

- The Board approved this revision as a first reading for development on April 28, 2003. The adoption notice was published on May 5, 2003.
- This revision is requested by the director of the Building Department based on Ch. 2002-287, Laws of Florida (effective July 1, 2002); Fla. Stat. § 1013.12, which took effect on January 7, 2003; and Chapter 4A-58, Fla. Admin. Code. The revisions will align the Policy with the new statutory requirements.
- This revision is also consistent with the request of a Board member at the Policies meeting on March 24, 2003, that firesafety inspection reports be sent to firesafety authorities.

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COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

- 1 1. **Purpose.--** The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, is committed to
2 conducting its operations in compliance with all safety, health, and environmental
3 regulations and to provide a safe and healthful learning environment and workplace
4 for all its students and employees. In support of this commitment, in accordance
5 with Fla. Stat. § 1013.12 and F.A.C. r. 4A-58.004, the Board will provide for two
6 annual inspections ~~once each fiscal year of all educational and ancillary facilities,~~
7 except new facilities in their initial one-year warranty period.

- 8 2. **Inspections by the School District**
 - 9 a. **Sanitation and Casualty Inspections.--** Once each fiscal year, all
10 educational and ancillary facilities, except new facilities in their initial one-year
11 warranty period, shall receive a sanitation and casualty Comprehensive
12 Safety inspection to assess compliance with standards prescribed by Fla. Stat.
13 § 1013.12 and the rules of the State Board of Education. ~~This inspection shall~~
14 ~~be in accordance with Part III, Section B, Chapter 6A-2, Florida Administrative~~
15 ~~Code, and~~ Sanitation and casualty inspections shall be conducted by persons
16 proficient with applicable rules and standards under Fla. Stat. § 1013.12
17 qualified School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, Safety Inspectors and
18 Uniform Building Code Inspectors that are certified by the Florida Department
19 of Education. Should the occasion arise where corrective actions for
20 sanitation and casualty issues may not be readily available or not completed
21 immediately, the School Board shall work with the Superintendent to create an
22 appropriate time/task calendar for completing the corrective actions.

 - 23 b. **Firesafety Inspection.--** All facilities shall also receive an annual firesafety
24 inspection to assess compliance with uniform firesafety standards for
25 educational and ancillary facilities as adopted by the State Fire Marshal, and
26 these firesafety inspections shall be conducted by persons certified by the
27 Division of State Fire Marshal to be eligible to conduct firesafety inspections in
28 public educational and ancillary plants, pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 1013.12(1)(b).

 - 29 i. As required by § 1013.12(1)(b), "the Board shall submit a copy of the
30 firesafety inspection report to the State Fire Marshal and, if there is a local
31 fire official who conducts firesafety inspections, to the local fire official."
32 In each firesafety inspection report, the Board shall include a plan of
33 action and a schedule for the correction of each deficiency which have
34 been formulated in consultation with the local fire control authority.

35 ii. If immediate life-threatening deficiencies are noted in any inspection, the
36 Board shall either take action to promptly correct the deficiencies or
37 withdraw the educational or ancillary plant from use until such time as the
38 deficiencies are corrected, pursuant to § 1013.12(1)(c).

39 3. **Inspections by Local Authorities.--** The Board shall cooperate with local
40 firesafety authorities that are also required to conduct annual firesafety inspections
41 under F.A.C. Chapter 4A-58.

42 a. In each firesafety inspection report the local fire official in conjunction with the
43 Board shall include a plan of action for the correction of each deficiency,
44 pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 1013.12(2)(b), (c). In each such firesafety inspection
45 report, the Board shall include a plan of action and a schedule for the
46 correction of each deficiency which have been formulated in consultation with
47 the local fire control authority.

48 b. If immediate life-threatening deficiencies are noted in any inspection, the
49 Board shall either take action to promptly correct the deficiencies or withdraw
50 the educational or ancillary plant from use until such time as the deficiencies
51 are corrected, as stated in § 1013.12(1)(c).

52 4. **Superintendent's Responsibility.--** The Superintendent shall promulgate
53 directives to ensure that corrective actions are undertaken to eliminate or minimize
54 all hazards determined by sanitation and casualty inspections and firesafety
55 Comprehensive Safety inspections, and direct staff add additional conditions to
56 take related actions necessary to protect the interests of the School Board.

57 5. **Board's Responsibility.--** The Board shall allocate adequate funding to minimize
58 or eliminate hazards determined by sanitation and casualty inspections and
59 firesafety inspections.

60 Statutory Authority: § ~~420.53~~, F.S. 1001.41(2); 1013.12, Fla. Stat.

61 Laws Implemented: § ~~235.06~~, F.S. 1013.12, Fla. Stat.

62 Rule Supplemented SREF § (5)(1)(a); F.A.C. Chapter 4A-58

63 History: New: 9/22/93; ___ / ___ / 03

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 2.031 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.

Attorney

Date