Orchard Park CSD
District Safety Plan
Public Hearing &
Board of Education Presentation
June 14, 2022
Comprehensive Safety

Planning, & Procedures

Drills, Daily Practices & Behaviors

Equipment
Annual District Safety Public Hearing

◉ Required by NYSED prior to BOE adoption of the plan
◉ Overview of the District Safety Plan
◉ Focusing on revisions to the plan.

Updates related to District Safety

◉ Trainings & safety drills for school employees
◉ Trainings & safety drills for 2nd shift employees
◉ Continual evaluation of the elements of comprehensive safety.
OPCSD District Safety Committee

30 Representatives

- District Administrators
- Building Principals
- Teachers
- School Related Personnel
- Orchard Park Police
- Erie 2 BOCES School Safety Specialist
- Community/Parent
- Board of Education
Overview

Requirements for NYS Public Schools

**District Safety Plan**
- Reviewed/revised annually
- Public Hearing annually or with substantive changes
- Posted on website
- Copy to Rich Mrugalski, Town of OP Emergency Management
- Copy to Capt. Fitzgerald, OPPD
- BOE appoints members of the District Safety Team

**Building-level Emergency Response Plans**
- Reviewed/revised annually
- Submitted to the State Police via the NYSED business portal
- Provided to Rich Mrugalski, Town of OP Emergency Management
- Provided to Chief Fitzgerald, OPPD
Components of the District-Wide Safety Plan

1. General Considerations, including Hazard Identification
2. Emergency Response Planning
3. Responding to Threats and Acts of Violence
4. Post-Incident Coordination & Communication
5. Prevention & Intervention Strategies
Examples:
- NFL Stadium
  - Traffic
  - Other safety considerations
- Industrial sites within the town
- Quaker Arts Pavilion
Examples of Emergency Responses Outlined in Plan

- Emergency Closing/School Cancellation
- Early Dismissal
- Evacuation
- Relocation
- Shelter in Place
- Lockdown

NOTE: Annually 2-4 schools participate in a relocation and reunification drill.
Additional Requirement: Continuation of Operations Plan
~Addendum to the District Safety Plan~

Background

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Cuomo signed into law Chapter 168 of the Laws of 2020, which required:

- Public employers, including school districts, to adopt a continuation of operations plan;
- Used in the event of a declaration of a public health emergency involving communicable disease;
- Adopted by the BOE March 2021; Due by April 1, 2021
District Safety Plan

Public Hearing & Public Comment Timeline

- **June 14, 2022**: Presentation and public hearing
- **June 14 - August 9**:
  - Public comment period
  - Revisions to plan as needed
- **August 9**: Board re-adoption of District Safety Plan following public comment period
- Post on District website and submit to NYSED, local police by October 1, 2022
Continued Efforts to Enhance Safety

- Ongoing communications, trainings and drills to optimize safety and emergency preparedness
  - District-wide safety session on June 22, 2022;
  - Training for 2nd shift employees, who are often not in the building during faculty meetings and daytime drills;
  - Implementation of 2nd shift safety drills during the 2022-23 school year;
  - OPCSD personnel to provide 2nd shift security to our six schools, starting September 2022.
Questions?