

NOTIFICATION ABOUT SEX OFFENDERS

Megan's Law requires certain sexual predators and sex offenders to register with the sheriff in the county of their residence. In some circumstances the sheriff notifies the Superintendent that a sexual predator or habitual sex offender has moved into the area.

If the Superintendent receives information from the sheriff concerning a sexual predator or habitual sex offender subject to community notification, the Superintendent disseminates the information regarding the sexual predator or habitual sex offender to employees whose duties include supervision of or responsibility for students. Employees who receive the information are instructed to promptly notify the Superintendent if the sexual predator or habitual sex offender is observed in the vicinity of the school. The Superintendent notifies the local law enforcement agency if, in the judgement of the Superintendent, the presence of the sexual predator or habitual sex offender appears to be without a legitimate purpose or otherwise creates concern for the safety of the students. The law enforcement agency informs the Superintendent of any action taken and may provide advice regarding any additional action which the Superintendent should consider taking.

If the Superintendent receives information from the sheriff concerning a sexual predator or habitual sex offender subject to community notification, the Superintendent may inform parents, guardians and adult students that he/she has received notice that a sexual predator or habitual sex offender is residing within the District and that certain information concerning the offender is public record and is open to inspection at the office of the sheriff with whom the offender has registered.

With juvenile sex offenders the Superintendent's notification duties are the same as with adult offenders. The Superintendent provides a copy of the county sheriff's sexual offender notice to his/her staff so that they are aware of the juvenile offender's information and photograph. The Superintendent must then notify parents that the school has received notice that a juvenile sex offender is attending school (of if an adult offender, working or attending school) in the District, and direct parents who want more information to the county sheriff's office.

If the Superintendent receives information from the sheriff concerning a sexual predator or habitual sex offender subject to community notification, he/she shall not release any other information and shall direct any inquiries to the office of the sheriff with whom the offender has registered.

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