



Policy SY21-22.1: Crisis Management Policy To Be Approved July 22, 2021

The Governing Board (the “Board”) for Thomas MacLaren School (the “School”) recognizes that effective learning and teaching takes place in a safe, secure, and welcoming environment, and that safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement, and community support. The Board further acknowledges the necessity of preparing a School Response Framework to adequately prepare school personnel, parents, and the community to respond appropriately to a crisis that involves the school community.

As an important component of school safety planning, the Thomas MacLaren School Board adopts the National Response Framework and National Incident Management System (NIMS) as applicable to schools. In adopting the National Response Framework and NIMS, Thomas MacLaren School will institutionalize the Incident Command System to ensure all responders use common language and processes when responding to a school emergency. The School achieved compliance on July 22, 2021 with the requirements set forth in C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(4) and will continue to take the necessary steps to remain in compliance.

The Board directs the Executive Director or designee to develop, implement, and maintain a School Safety, Readiness, and Incident Management Plan (Safety Plan) including, to the extent possible, emergency communications that coordinate with any statewide or local emergency operation plans already in place. To the extent possible, the Safety Plan shall be done in conjunction with the School’s local community partners including fire departments, law enforcement agencies, emergency medical service personnel, mental health organizations, and local public health agencies. The Safety Plan shall incorporate the requirements of state law and the Charter School Institute (CSI) Board Policy and shall be reviewed and updated at least annually.

References

22-32-109.1(4), C.R.S.

22-30.5-503.5, C.R.S.

[CSI Board Safe Schools Policy](#)

[CSI Safety Policy Supplement](#)