

PUTNAM VALLEY
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY & EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT PLAN

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STATE REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Date
<i>The District-Wide School Safety Team was appointed by the Board of Education on:</i>	July 6, 2023
<i>The District Chief Emergency Officer is¹: David Spittal, Director of Facilities, Operations, and Transportation, 845 526-7856, appointed on:</i>	July 6, 2023
<i>The District-Wide School Safety Team conducted annual review and updates to the District-Wide School Safety Plan on:²</i>	July 17, 2023
<i>The District-Wide School Safety Plan was made available for public comment at least thirty days prior to its adoption by the Board of Education 30-day public comment period began on:³</i>	July 19, 2023
<i>The District-Wide School Safety Plan was made available for public comment at least thirty days prior to its adoption by the Board of Education 30-day public comment period ended on:</i>	August 22, 2023
<i>At least one public hearing that provided for the participation of school personnel, parents, students, and any other interested parties, was held prior to adoption of the plan. Date of Public Hearing/Adoption:⁴</i>	August 22, 2023
<i>The date the District-Wide School Safety Plan was posted on District Website:⁵ [ADD URL] of District-Wide School Safety Plan on District Website:</i>	August 23, 2023
<i>Date training was provided to staff on Building-level Emergency Response Plans, school violence prevention and mental health by September 15th:⁶</i>	August 30, 2023

SECTION I GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS AND PLANNING GUIDELINES

¹ 155.17(c)(1)(xix) the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent's designee, as the district chief emergency officer

² 155.17(a) Each district-wide school safety plan and building-level emergency response plan shall be reviewed by the appropriate school safety team on at least an annual basis, and updated as needed.

³ 155.17(c)(3) Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body shall make each district-wide safety plan available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption.

⁴ 155.17(c)(3) Such district-wide plans may be adopted by the school board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested parties.

⁵ 155.17(c)(3) Each district shall file a copy of its district-wide safety plan with the commissioner and all amendments to such plan shall be filed with the commissioner no later than 30 days after their adoption.

⁶ 155.17(c)(1)(xiii) policies and procedures for annual multi-hazard school safety training for staff and students, provided that the district must certify to the commissioner that all staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 and each subsequent September 15th thereafter on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner;

PURPOSE

Emergencies in schools are defined as undesirable events that occur and have the potential to cause injury or illness to members of our school community or disrupt the orderly educational process. They range from acts of bullying or harassment to catastrophic natural or man-made events. Emergency management is the discipline of dealing with and avoiding risks. It is a discipline that involves preparing for an emergency situation or disaster before it occurs as well as supporting and rebuilding from the emergency after natural or human-made disasters have occurred.

Emergency management in our schools is the continuous process by which our staff, students, administrators, parents, school groups, emergency responders and our community manages hazards in an effort to avoid or mitigate the impact of disasters resulting from hazards. Preventive measures and good planning will reduce the likelihood that emergencies will occur and allow us to address those that do in an expeditious and effective manner.

Districts are required to develop district-wide school safety and emergency management plans designed to prevent and effectively manage such events to minimize the effects of serious incidents and emergencies. These plans also facilitate the coordination of the District with local and county plans and resources when incidents and emergencies occur.

The district-wide plan is responsive to the needs of all schools in the District and is consistent with the more detailed building-level emergency plans. Districts are vulnerable to a wide variety of acts of violence; and natural and manmade disasters. To address these threats, the State of New York has enacted the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E.) law. Project S.A.V.E. is a comprehensive planning effort that addresses prevention, response, and recovery with respect to a variety of emergencies in schools.

The Putnam Valley Central School District supports the S.A.V.E. legislation. As such, the Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, and the entire District staff encourages and advocates on-going district-wide cooperation in support of Project S.A.V.E.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DIRECTIVE

The Director of Facilities, Operations & Transportation, David Spittal, or person designated by the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeremy Luft, will serve as the District's Chief Emergency Officer (CEO)⁷ whose duties shall include, but not be limited to:

⁷ 155.17(1)(c)(xix) the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent's designee, as the district chief emergency officer whose duties shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement, and other first responders;⁸
2. Leading the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans;⁹
3. Ensuring staff understanding of the district-wide school safety plan;¹⁰
4. Ensuring the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building¹¹ The CEO will require each building principal to maintain a Building-level Emergency Response Plan in compliance with Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.17(2). Each plan should be updated annually with the assistance of the Building Emergency Response Team (BERT). The plan shall provide for lockdown, lockout, sheltering, evacuation, early dismissal, fire and other emergency planning and notification (when necessary) to students and staff, annual drills and exercises, and coordination with local and county emergency preparedness administrators. These plans shall be submitted to the District's Safety Team for annual approval and incorporation into the overall District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan.
5. Assisting in the selection of security related technology and development of procedures for the use of such technology;¹²
6. Coordination of appropriate safety, security, and emergency training for district and school staff, including required training in the emergency response plan;¹³
7. Ensuring the conduct of required evacuation and lockdown drills in all district buildings as required by Education Law section 807;¹⁴ and
8. Ensuring the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans by the dates designated by the commissioner.¹⁵
9. Ensures protocols for responding to a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease are substantially consistent with the provisions of Section 27-C of the Labor Law.

IDENTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEAMS

The District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan was developed pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation Regulation 155.17(b)(13) and NYS Education Law 2801-a¹⁶. At the direction of the Board of Education and under the direction of the Superintendent, a District-wide Safety Team will be utilized for

⁸ 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(a) coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement, and other first responders;

⁹ 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(b) lead the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans

¹⁰ 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(c) ensure staff understanding of the district-wide school safety plan

¹¹ 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(d) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building

¹² 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(e) assist in the selection of security related technology and development of procedures for the use of such technology

¹³ 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(f) coordinate appropriate safety, security, and emergency training for district and school staff, including required training in the emergency response plan

¹⁴ 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(g) ensure the conduct of required evacuation and lock-down drills in all district buildings as required by Education Law section 807

¹⁵ 155.17(c)(1)(xix)(h) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans by the dates designated by the commissioner

¹⁶ 2801-a Each district-wide school safety team shall be appointed by the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the city school district of the city of New York, and shall include but not be limited to representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel, and other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors.

emergency management within the District¹⁷. The Safety Team shall include, but is not limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, parent organizations, school safety personnel, bus drivers, monitors, and other school personnel as deemed necessary. At the discretion of the board of education, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team. If the Board appoints or selects a student to participate on the safety team, in accordance with Regulation 155.17(b)(14), no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed.

The duties of the team shall include the development, review, and update of the District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan in compliance with Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.17. The District Safety Team should meet regularly throughout the year to conduct the following business:

1. Assess and review the District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan annually.
2. Make any necessary recommendations regarding emergency operations, planning, procedures, and/or protocols.
3. Conduct training sessions as necessary.
4. Meet with, oversee, and help guide the Building-level Emergency Response Teams at each school as necessary.
5. Meet as needed with the District's Emergency Management Consultant to review protocols and procedures as well as receive training and instruction.
6. Meet with local government and emergency service organization officials to develop procedures for obtaining guidance and for emergency situations that exceed the expertise and/or resources of the District. These procedures may then be incorporated into the District's Emergency Management Plan.
7. Conduct all other business as deemed necessary.

DISTRICT SAFETY TEAM¹⁸:

Members listed here may be removed from the "additional emergency numbers" table

¹⁷ 155.17(b)(14) District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the board of education, the chancellor in the case of New York City, or other governing board. The district-wide team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, parent organizations, bus drivers, monitors, school safety personnel, and other school personnel.

¹⁸ 155.17(b)(14) District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the board of education, the chancellor in the case of New York City, or other governing board. The district-wide team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, parent organizations, bus drivers and monitors, school safety personnel and other school personnel. At the discretion of the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the City of New York, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team, provided however, that no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed.

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1. The District-wide School Safety and Emergency Management Plan will be directly linked to individual Building-level Emergency Response Plans for each school. Protocols developed in the District-wide School Safety and Emergency Management Plan will guide the development and implementation of Building-level Emergency Response Plans.
2. All District building plans have been standardized to the extent possible so that leadership decisions are consistent and leaders may be interchangeable as necessary. The training and expectations set at the district level are applicable to all building team members.
3. In the event of an emergency or violent incident, the initial response at an individual school will be by the Building Emergency Response Team.
4. Once the Superintendent and/or their designee are notified, the District Emergency Response Team may be mobilized to respond, and when appropriate, local emergency officials will be notified. All will follow the emergency management protocols and practices outlined in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and will practice Incident Command System (ICS) techniques to better manage these events.

PLAN REVIEW & PUBLIC COMMENT

1. The District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan shall be monitored and maintained by the District Safety Team. The District Safety Team shall review the plan annually before making it available for a 30-day comment period, a public hearing, and, finally, adoption by the Board of Education before September 1st of each year.¹⁹
2. On June 23, 2022, Governor Hochul signed Alyssa's Law, Chapter 227 of the Laws of 2022 (Chapter 227) which became effective immediately. Chapter 227 amends Education Law § 2801-a to require that district-wide school safety teams of public schools, boards of cooperative educational services, and county vocational education extension boards consider the usefulness of silent panic alarm systems when reviewing and amending district-wide safety plans.²⁰
3. Building-level Emergency Response Plans shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure under Article 6 of the Public Officers Law or any other provision of law in accordance with Education Law Section 2801-a.

¹⁹ 155.17(a) Every board of education of a school district, every board of cooperative educational services and county vocational education and extension board and the chancellor of the City School District of the City of New York shall adopt by July 1, 2001, and shall update by July 1st for the 2002-2003 through the 2015-2016 school years and by September 1st for the 2016-2017 school year and each subsequent September 1st thereafter.

²⁰ 2081-a(2)(f) District-wide school safety teams shall consider, as part of its reviews of the comprehensive district-wide safety plan, the installation of a panic alarm system. For purposes of this paragraph, "panic alarm system" shall mean a silent security system signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-threatening or emergency situation requiring a response from local law enforcement or, in the case of a school building located in a municipality in which there is no municipal police department, a location designated by the superintendent of state police and may include one or more of the following: wired panic button or buttons, wireless panic button or buttons or a mobile or computer application; The New York State Register, December 2022, <https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/12/122822.pdf> (page 12)

4. Full copies of the District-wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan and any amendments will be submitted to the New York State Education Department on or before September 1 of each year or within 30 days of adoption.
5. The Board of Education must formally adopt the District-wide Plan pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation, Section 155.17(c)(3).²¹ This plan will be made available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption.
6. Building-level Emergency Response Plans will be supplied to the New York State Police, County Police and all local police departments covering the District, by October 15 of each year or within 30 days of adoption.²²

²¹ 155.17(c)(3) Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body shall make each district-wide safety plan available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption. Such district-wide plans may be adopted by the school board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested parties. Each district shall file a copy of its district-wide safety plan with the commissioner and all amendments to such plan shall be filed with the commissioner no later than 30 days after their adoption.

²²Each board of education, chancellor or other governing body or officer shall ensure that a copy of each building-level emergency response plan and any amendments thereto, is filed with the appropriate local law enforcement agency and with the State Police within 30 days of its adoption, but no later than October 15, 2016 and each subsequent October 15th thereafter. Building-level emergency response plans shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under article six of the Public Officers Law or any other provision of law.

SECTION II RISK REDUCTION/PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES²³

The District utilizes a variety of intervention strategies to reduce risk and prevent critical incidents.

1. The District utilizes trained multidisciplinary Threat Assessment Teams at each building to evaluate threats and implement the appropriate mitigation strategies. The District provides support and record keeping for the activities of each team.
2. Any utilized school safety officers and other security personnel are trained annually with the assistance of one or more of the following collaborative relationships:
 - Emergency Responders
 - Regional BOCES
 - District Consultants
3. Training for school staff working in an incident control capacity may include:
 - Individual and group de-escalation techniques
 - Non-violent conflict resolution skills and
 - Peer mediation
4. The District may provide de-escalation techniques and nonviolent conflict resolution training to other staff annually. Each building has some staff trained in nonviolent conflict resolution. The District has a mentoring program in place for new staff.
5. Training may be available during staff development sessions, on conference days and via on-demand web-based training modules.
6. Procedures relating to building security including utilization of staff and security equipment are as follows:²⁴
 1. All authorized staff members are expected to carry their classroom/office keys/swipe cards at all times.
 2. All staff members are expected to wear District-issued photo identification badges.
 3. After the designated start time of the school day, each school will be appropriately secured.
 4. All visitors must report to each building's designated single point of entry and sign in before proceeding further into the building.
 5. All contractors assigned to work in any building must first be authorized by the Facilities Department to receive an identification badge, which must be visible at

²³ 155.17(c)(1)(iii) appropriate prevention and intervention strategies, such as:(a) collaborative arrangements with State and local law enforcement officials, designed to ensure that school safety officers and other security personnel are adequately trained, including being trained to de-escalate potentially violent situations, and are effectively and fairly recruited;(b) nonviolent conflict resolution training programs;(c) peer mediation programs and youth courts; and(d) extended day and other school safety programs

²⁴ 155.17(b)(1)(xi) policies and procedures relating to school building security, including, where appropriate, the use of school safety officers and/or security devices or procedures;

all times when workers are on school property. All deliverables and delivery personnel must first be authorized by the Facilities Department, prior to delivery. An exception for regular food service deliveries may be made after the vendor has been authorized for the school year.

6. The District has executed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with Security Providers as required by NYS Regulation.²⁵
7. Extended day and other school safety programs - The district school buildings and facilities provide a valuable resource to our students and community after the conclusion of the school day. The following are strategies are utilized during after-school hours:
 - a. To the degree possible, access to areas of the school building is limited to only those needed for activities.
 - b. Some buildings may use a modified point of entry.

The District continually investigates other security measures and conducts staff development training to ensure schools are as safe as possible. Security measures include:

- a. Security personnel
- b. Surveillance cameras
- c. Door-lock (buzzer) entry systems
- d. Portable Radios
- e. Alarm Systems
- f. Keypad or swipe entry systems
- g. Single or limited points of entry
- h. Identification cards and lanyards
- i. Safety vests

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

Each of the schools within the district provides a wealth of school safety-related initiatives. These programs may include peer mediation, bullying prevention, conflict resolution, social skills development, managing emotions and components of character education. Students are involved in a wide variety of safety activities through both their classes as well as through work with school counselors, social workers, and school psychologists. By October 1st of each school year, the superintendent and chief school administrator have provided information to all students and staff about emergency procedures.²⁶

Each building has established a mechanism for the anonymous reporting of school violence and harassment and has communicated this to students and parents.²⁷

²⁵ 155.17(c)(1)(xvi)(a) Such written contract or memorandum of understanding shall be incorporated into and published as part of the district safety plan; and

²⁶ 155.17(g) By October 1 of each school year, the superintendent and chief school administrator have provided written information to all students and staff about emergency procedures.

²⁷ 155.17(c)(1)(xvi) strategies for improving communication among students and between students and staff and reporting of potentially violent incidents, such as the establishment of youth-run programs, peer mediation,

The school district’s Code of Conduct is accessible to parents and students and reviewed with all students at the beginning of the school year. During the review with students, bullying, discrimination, harassment and violations of the Code of Conduct, along with consequences are discussed.

All staff members are trained in recognizing and effectively dealing with these behaviors, as outlined in the Code of Conduct.

In addition, each school has a wide range of programs and supports that impact school safety. These may include offering a variety of clubs, classroom lessons, small group lessons and/or individual counseling sessions, school-wide meetings, morning meetings in classrooms, assemblies, mindfulness rooms, yoga and movement breaks, and a variety of wellness opportunities. All members of the school district and community have access to the anonymous alerts reporting platform.

REPORTING THREATS OR ACTS OF VIOLENCE

Students, staff, parents and others are informed annually about the importance of reporting threats or acts of violence and the procedures of reporting.

The District has developed a system for reporting threats and actual acts of violence. The procedure for reporting is as follows:

- Students are instructed to report threats and acts of violence to staff members.
- Each school has designated a reporting process, which can be done anonymously.
- Staff members are required to report all student referrals to the administration for investigation.
- Staff training programs meet S.A.V.E. requirements. Instruction on issues of school safety is provided to all employees each year.

TRAINING, DRILLS AND EXERCISES

Drills and Exercises:²⁸

The District will conduct emergency management drills and exercises annually including, but not limited to:

EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS.²⁹ Evacuation and lockdown drills will be conducted during school days in each school within the District with staff and students twelve (12) times annually (September – June). The first eight (8) drills are conducted prior to December 31st of each school year. Eight of all such drills shall be evacuation drills. Four of all such required drills shall be lockdown drills. Prior to the first annual drill, staff shall review emergency response

conflict resolution, creating a forum or designating a mentor for students concerned with bullying or violence and establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms for school violence;

²⁸ 155.17(c)(1)(xiv) procedures for review and the conduct of drills and other exercises to test components of the emergency response plan, including the use of tabletop exercises, in coordination with local and county emergency responders and preparedness officials;

²⁹ EL §807.1 eight evacuation drills and four lock-down drills each year, eight of the required drills must be completed by December 31 each school year

procedures and drill requirements with students during class time. Students are also provided the opportunity to ask questions on any procedure that they are not clear on. The appropriate Fire Department may, upon mutual agreement with the District, participate in some or all of the drills and offer feedback regarding effective building evacuation in the event of a fire. Four of the required drills must be through use of the fire escapes on buildings *where fire escapes are present* or through the use of identified secondary means of egress.³⁰ The appropriate Police Department may, upon mutual agreement with the District, participate in some or all of the lockdowns drills and offer feedback regarding the effectiveness of these drills. Drills shall be conducted at different times of the school day with at least one of the eight required evacuation drills occurring during a mass gathering event such as lunch or assemblies. Instruction in drill procedures, including during lunch periods and assemblies, is conducted annually by staff.³¹ At least two additional drills must be held during summer school in buildings where summer school is conducted, one must be held during the first week of summer school.³²

Prior to the commencement of each school year, the Building-Level Emergency Response Team shall conduct an inventory of any special needs students. Appropriate accommodations for the school year will be incorporated into each Building-Level Emergency Response Plan.

EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL³³: The District will conduct an Early Dismissal drill annually wherein students are dismissed no more than 15 minutes before the normal dismissal time. Parents will be notified of these drills at least one week prior. Transportation Officials and District staff may also take place in conducting and evaluation of this drill. This drill also allows the District to test the usefulness of the communications and transportation system during emergencies.³⁴

SHELTER-IN-PLACE DRILLS AND/OR LOCKOUT DRILLS: While not required, each school in the District may conduct Shelter-in-Place and/or Lockout drills in addition to those drills required by New York State regulation. The appropriate Police Department may, upon mutual agreement with the District, participate in some or all of the drills and offer feedback regarding the effectiveness of these drills.

In addition to post-drill debriefings conducted by each building-level emergency response team, each building will provide feedback on building level drills that will be shared to the district-wide safety team for periodic review, including observations from the drill as well as any additional feedback obtained from building personnel. Changes to procedures are made as needed. The district-wide safety team should evaluate communications and transportation systems during emergencies.³⁵

³⁰ EL §807.1 four of the required drills must be through use of the fire escapes on buildings where fire escapes are provided or through the use of identified secondary means of egress

³¹ EL §807.1 Pupils shall be instructed in the procedure to be followed in the event that a fire occurs during the lunch period or assembly

³² EL §807.1-a at least two additional drills must be held during summer school in buildings where summer school is conducted, one must be held during the first week of summer school.

³³ 155.17(h) Fire and emergency drills. Each school district and board of cooperative educational services shall, at least once every school year, and where possible in cooperation with local county emergency preparedness plan officials, conduct one test of its emergency response procedures under each of its building-level emergency response plans, including sheltering, lock-down, or early dismissal, at a time not to occur more than 15 minutes earlier than the normal dismissal time.

³⁴ 155.17(h)(2) Such drills shall test the usefulness of the communications and transportation system during emergencies.

³⁵ 155.17(h)(2) Such drills shall test the usefulness of the communications and transportation system during emergencies.

Each Building-level Emergency Response Team and representatives of the District administration engage in tabletop exercises facilitated by the district’s emergency management consultant. Emergency response agencies are encouraged to participate in these exercises. The district may opt to conduct functional exercises with emergency response agencies to involve staff, students and parents in realistic drills. The school board will ensure that information about drills be provided in the employee handbook.

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A summary of drill procedures are detailed in each of the Building-Level Emergency Response Plans.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING:

All general staff will receive training on District-wide procedures as well as specific procedures contained within their respective building-level emergency response plan. This training shall occur prior to September 15 of each school year or within 30 days of joining the district. This training may be conducted at a staff development day, online or a combination of both.³⁷

The District will provide advanced training for each Building-level Emergency Response Team (BERT) and District-wide Safety Team annually. The training will include practices and procedures to educate, evaluate, update and review all Emergency management protocols and procedures the teams perform including, but not limited to Lockdown, Lockout, Evacuation, Shelter-In-Place, Hold-in-Place and Early Dismissal. The District may involve local emergency responders to participate in this training. All BERT teams participate in “table top” exercises as part of their training program.

Additional training may include but is not limited to:

- De-escalation training
- Warning signals for violence and mental health concerns
- Non-violent conflict resolution

PROACTIVE BUILDING SECURITY MEASURES

1. The District buildings use limited points of entry. All doors are locked. Signs are in place directing visitors to sign-in at the reception desk at each school. Main doors are controlled by remote “buzzer” entry during normal school hours.
2. All schools have greeters or office staff members just inside the entrance to each school in the District. These individuals ensure visitor sign-in procedures and help supervise building traffic flow. The building principals are responsible for supervision of the greeters and other staff.

³⁶ EL §807.2 the school board will ensure that information about drills be provided in the teacher’s manual or handbook.

³⁷ 155.17(c)(1)(xiii) policies and procedures for annual multi-hazard school safety training for staff and students, provided that the district must certify to the commissioner that all staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 and each subsequent September 15th thereafter on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district’s existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner;

3. Staff members are required to wear visible identification badges.
4. Visitors are required to sign in and wear visitor identification.
5. Visitor access is limited to specific areas of the school building.

VITAL EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION³⁸

Information on each building's student and staff, transportation needs, and the telephone numbers of key officials are outlined in each Building-level Emergency Response Plan. The purpose of including such information in the Building-level plan is to ensure coordination or coverage in the event of a serious incident.

EARLY DETECTION OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR³⁹

This section contains the District policy and procedure for disseminating information regarding early detection of potentially dangerous behavior.

1. The District's Code of Conduct is provided to all students in the District at the start of every school year to ensure that all students understand acceptable behavior in the school setting. The Code of Conduct delineates, among other behavior, lack of tolerance for harassment, discrimination, bullying and violence.
2. The District's Code of Conduct is distributed to all parents/guardians of students in the District at the start of each school year.
3. All new employees will be provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct at the time of hire. All teachers and other staff members will be provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct annually.
4. Efforts are made on the building level in each of the District's schools to identify, prevent, and resolve potentially dangerous behavior at the earliest possible stage. Teams meet regularly in each building in order to work with classroom staff in identifying and preventing potentially dangerous behavior. School counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, nurses, outside agencies (when appropriate), administrators, teachers, parents/guardians and students may be involved in this process.
5. District students at all grade levels participate in instruction guided by evidence-based violence prevention/intervention programs. Elements of these programs support

³⁸ 155.17(h)(i) Except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the chief executive officer of each educational agency located within a public school district shall provide to the superintendent of schools information about school population, number of staff, transportation needs and the business and home telephone numbers of key officials of such educational agencies.

³⁹ 155.17(c)(1)(xii) policies and procedures for the dissemination of informative materials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors, including but not limited to the identification of family, community and environmental factors to teachers, administrators, school personnel including bus drivers and monitors, persons in parental relations to students of the school district or board, students and other persons deemed appropriate to receive such information

students in identifying potentially violent or problematic situations with peers and in developing strategies to address these such as reporting to an adult.

6. Secondary health curricula incorporate information regarding emotional health, the impact of drugs and alcohol on an individual's behavior, and on responsible decision-making.
7. Each of the District's school psychologists/social workers may facilitate counseling groups for identified students around issues related to poor social skills development, managing emotions, and good decision-making.
8. Certified and noncertified staff members working with students who have been identified by the Committee on Special Education as being at-risk for engaging in violent behaviors receive annual training in crisis prevention and intervention.
9. The District may work in collaboration with building-level and District-wide PTAs to offer parents/guardians information regarding early-warning signs of potentially dangerous and/or violent behavior, as well as a forum to discuss specific parental concerns.

Police Agencies

The District buildings fall within the jurisdiction of the following police departments:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Putnam County Sheriff's Office	845-225-4300
New York State Police	914-769-2600

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

Identification of Potentially Dangerous or Hazardous Sites:

Each school will identify and locate areas of potential emergencies in and around its building. The Director of Facilities and building custodians will locate these sites.

1. These sites are to include electrical, gas, heating, ventilation, water supply and sewage systems locations and shut-off valves. Local fire department personnel have and will continue to participate in these efforts.
2. These sites of potential emergencies will be listed in each Building-level Emergency Response Plan supplied to police, fire, emergency management services, and District personnel.
3. Potentially dangerous sites indicated below that are contained within school property and under the jurisdiction of the school district, will be checked regularly and inspected by building safety personnel on a regular schedule, at least annually. They include but are not limited to:

- Electrical panels/shut-offs
- Gas lines/shut-off
- Gas appliances
- Heating plant
- Sewage system
- Structural failure
- HVAC
- Water supply/shut-off
- Chemical storage and cleaning supplies
- Paper supply storage
- Industrial arts room
- Science rooms and labs
- Isolated areas near the school
- Nearby aqueduct, streams, ponds, rivers (flooding)
- Steep areas near school
- Unprotected exterior gas/electric, air conditioning supplies or equipment
- Playground equipment

SCHOOL SAFETY PERSONNEL ALLOCATIONS, HIRING, DUTIES, AND TRAINING⁴⁰

This plan includes contracts or memoranda of understanding that define the relationship between the district, personnel, students, visitors, law enforcement, and public or private security personnel. These contracts or memoranda are consistent with the Code of Conduct, and define the roles, responsibilities, and involvement in the schools of law enforcement or security personnel. The role of school discipline is delegated to school administration.

District Memorandum(s) of Understanding related to this section are maintained in the District office.

Allocations

- A. At the elementary and middle school level, there is a single point of entry for visitors at each building and visitors to the school must be buzzed into the building, sign in and receive an identification badge. Staff in the building all wear district-produced identification badges which must be visibly worn at all times. Staff are trained to report to the main office any unknown person they observe who is not wearing a badge.
- B. At the high school level, there is a single point of entry for visitors, which is staffed during normal school hours by one of several staff members assigned to the High School. Visitors to the school must be buzzed into the building, sign in and receive an identification badge. Staff in

⁴⁰ 155.17(c)(1)(xvii) a description of the duties of hall monitors and any other school safety personnel, the training required of all personnel acting in a school security capacity, and the hiring and screening process for all personnel acting in a school security capacity;

the building all wear district-produced identification badges, which must be visibly worn at all times. In addition, safety personnel are assigned to areas throughout the building.

Hiring

The interviewing and hiring of safety personnel follows the district's practices for hiring of new staff. All new staff employed by the District must be fingerprinted in order to be employed.

Duties and Training

Greeters/Office Assistants

- contracted personnel at each school
- buildings are staffed during regular school hours
- primarily responsible for enforcement of the visitor protocols
- detection of hazards
- deter and report unlawful activity
- provide escorts for parents and students when needed
- members of building-level emergency response teams

Elementary & Secondary School Monitors

- staffed at both middle schools and high school
- actively monitor the building and support the staff with student safety and traffic
- provide student supervision
- check that school procedures are being adhered to
- assist the arrival and dismissal processes
- escort students if needed

School Security Monitors

- often former military or law enforcement
- staffed after regular school hours at the middle and high school and if determined necessary at special events in the evening and on weekends
- enforce our visitor policy as well as actively monitor the building and support the staff with student safety and traffic

Required training includes:

- School violence prevention and intervention training
- Site-specific training including review of all manuals (e.g., school district policies, Code of Conduct, District-wide School Safety Plan, School Handbook, etc).
- Right-to-know training
- Blood borne pathogen training

Roles and Responsibilities

Any contracted school safety/security personnel (i.e. School Resource Officer, School Patrol Officer, security staff, etc) shall be held to the school's Code of Conduct. These individuals are not responsible for the discipline of students and will refer all matters of school discipline as covered by our Code of Conduct to building/district administration.

SECTION III RESPONSE

NOTIFICATION AND ACTIVATION - INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

Internal

After receiving the information from the Incident Commander at the scene, a message will be sent from the Superintendent's office to all administrators and administrative offices alerting them to the nature and status of any incident in the district. The mass communication system may be used to provide information as deemed appropriate by the Incident Commander. Portable radios will also be used when possible.

External

Anyone with knowledge of an emergency event is encouraged to immediately call 911.

The District's mass communication system will be used to provide information to parents/guardians and emergency contacts. The District website may also be used to provide updated information throughout an incident as deemed appropriate by the Incident Commander. Schools may also use their websites, groups, and hotlines for announcements or updates as directed by the Incident Commander.

When an emergency requires notification of staff, the Superintendent or his designee will provide updated information to parents and students through the emergency notification system. Additional information may also be found on the District's website: <http://pvcsd.org/> or mobile app.

During an emergency, all contact with the media will be handled either by the Superintendent or their designee. The media and public will be informed and updated as soon as practical on all developments in statements released by the Superintendent or their designee. Students, staff and parents should refer all questions and requests for information to the Superintendent in order to assure the release of factual and current information. The Superintendent may refer such requests to the Public Information Officer for response.

By definition, emergency events are unforeseen and unpredictable. The safety of students and staff is the primary focus of all activities surrounding an emergency event. Every effort will be made to contact parents and the general public once the situation has stabilized.

SITUATIONAL RESPONSES

MULTI-HAZARD RESPONSE

In the event of an emergency, a Command Center will be set up at a safe location in collaboration with emergency responders. Each building has specific plans for dealing with a wide range of hazards. Specific response procedures are sensitive in nature and therefore are contained within each confidential building-level emergency response plan.

In each emergency, the building's administrator will contact the District office for assistance. The District office will provide support as appropriate and deemed necessary by the Incident Commander on the scene (i.e. sending additional mental health resources). The Superintendent or their designee will be the sole contact person for releasing information to the media and for communicating the status of the emergency with other District schools, out-of-district schools, private schools, and outside agencies.⁴¹

RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

Information on emergency response procedures is disseminated to parents, age-appropriate students and staff by October 1st annually. This non-sensitive information may also be found on the district website.

SCHOOL CANCELLATION

- The Superintendent or their designee will monitor any situation that may warrant a school cancellation and will make the determination to do so.
- The Public Information Officer or designee will activate use of the District's mass communication system.
- The Public Information Officer or designee will contact local media, post the information on the website and social media sites utilized by the District.

EARLY DISMISSAL

- The Superintendent or their designee will monitor any situation that may warrant an early dismissal and will make the determination to do so.
- The Operations Officer or designee will designate people to arrange transportation for students.
- The Public Information Officer or designee will activate use of the District's mass communication system.
- The Public Information Officer or designee will contact local media, post the information on the website and social media sites utilized by the District.
- The Superintendent or their designee will notify each of the building principals.

EVACUATION

- The Superintendent or their designee will determine the level of the threat.

⁴¹ 155.17(c)(1)(xviii) in the case of a school district, except in a school district in a city having more than one million inhabitants, a system for informing all educational agencies within such school district of a disaster;

- The Operations Officer or designee will contact the transportation supervisor to arrange transportation. They will also arrange for student-parent reunification.
- The Operations Officer or designee will clear all evacuation routes and sites prior to evacuation
- Principal(s) will evacuate all staff and students to prearranged evacuation sites as outlined in building plans. They will report to the Superintendent, or their designee, any missing staff or students.

SHELTERING SITES (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

- The Superintendent or their designee will determine the level of the threat and communicate with building principal(s) who are affected by the emergency.
- Principal(s) will move all staff and students to pre-arranged sheltering sites as outlined in building plans. They will report to the Superintendent, or their designee, any missing staff or students.
- The Operations Officer will make appropriate arrangements for human needs in the event of a long-term situation.

Protocols for Responding to Bomb Threats, Hostage-takings, Intruders, Abduction, and Other Emergency Situations⁴²

The District has procedures and provides training for emergencies. Specific response steps are confidential and contained within each Building-level Emergency Response Plan. The District shall utilize the Incident Command System (ICS) procedures in response to emergency situations. Emergencies include but are not limited to the following situations.

- Abduction
- Armed Intruders / Active Shooters
- Bomb Threats
- Cyber Security
- Early or Alternate Emergency Dismissal
- Explosions
- Fires
- Hazardous Material Incident
- Homeland Security Threats
- Hostage Situations

⁴² 155.17(c)(1)(xv) the identification of appropriate responses to emergencies, including protocols for responding to bomb threats, hostage-takings, intrusions and kidnappings;

- Infectious Diseases
- Severe Weather
- Student-Made Threats
- Suicidal Students
- Suspicious Package Protocol
- Suspicious Persons
- Wildlife

RESPONSES TO IMPLIED OR DIRECT THREATS OF VIOLENCE⁴³

1. Students are required to inform school staff about any direct or indirect threat of violence or actual act of violence to themselves, others or school property.
2. Staff members are required to immediately inform the Principal or thier designee of any direct or implied threat of violence or actual act of violence by students, teachers, or other school personnel including bus drivers and monitors as well as visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which shall include suicide. The Principal or their designee decides whether to utilize the building’s trained clinician(s) in an effort to de-escalate or defuse the situation.
3. The District disseminates educational material, including but not limited to emails and print materials, encouraging parents and visitors to tell school staff about any direct or implied threat of violence or actual acts of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves.
4. After considering the specificity/generality of the threat or severity of the violent act, the Principal or their designee will determine whether to immediately contact the Superintendent of Schools or the Assistant Superintendent to advise them of the threat, obtain assistance to determine the severity of the threat or report the violent act. The Principal will have the discretion to report minor incidents to the Superintendent verbally and/or in memorandum form after the situation has been resolved.
5. Each building has the availability of a Threat Assessment Team. This is a multi-disciplinary team that uses a nationally recognized evidence-based model to evaluate threats and implement the necessary mitigation steps to help prevent a threat from escalation to an act of violence.

⁴³ 155.17(c)(1)(i)policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct threats of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel, including bus drivers and monitors as well as visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which for the purposes of this subdivision shall include suicide;

6. The building administrator will investigate reported threats of violence and will make the determination of disciplinary measures consistent with the District's Code of Conduct. Chronic offenders may require a behavior plan or contract, close monitoring, and/or police involvement.

RESPONSES TO ACTS OF VIOLENCE⁴⁴

1. The Principal or their designee will determine whether to contact law enforcement personnel. **Threats or actions placing students, staff and others in imminent danger require an immediate LOCKDOWN protocol followed by a call to the police and the District Superintendent (if safe to do so).** Violent offenses defined in the S.A.V.E. regulations will also require the involvement of the police.
2. The Principal, and/or their designee then determine the appropriateness of directing the Building-level Emergency Response Team to be activated.
3. The Building-level Emergency Response Team (BERT) consisting of trained staff and school personnel may assist with an Evacuation, Lockout, Shelter-in-Place, Hold-in-Place, or Early Dismissal and will follow the appropriate protocol (see appendices for further information). The Incident Command System (ICS) under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) should be followed as closely as possible to ensure good coordination between the building-level teams, District leadership, and responding agencies.
4. If the threat of violence or danger is imminent, a Lockdown may be utilized. A Lockdown is time sensitive and therefore may be requested by any school staff member based on the incident and timely need for the Lockdown. During the Lockdown, all school staff, students, and visitors (including all BERT members) are required to Lockdown in the nearest lockable space and await further instruction, or in some situations, evacuate the campus.
5. Procedures for contacting parents, guardians and persons in parental relation to students in the event of a violent incident or early dismissal are detailed in each building-level emergency plan. The use of the District's mass communication system is typically utilized.
6. Aggressively dangerous and violent students, staff or visitors shall be managed as outlined by the procedures detailed in the district Code of Conduct.
7. The building administrator will investigate reported threats of violence and will make the determination of disciplinary measures consistent with the District's Code of Conduct.
8. School administrators must keep records of serious threats and acts of violence and report them annually to the state.
9. Prompt contact with appropriate law enforcement officials is essential in the event of a violent incident. Individuals shall immediately contact law enforcement by calling 911. These relationships have been established by participation of local response officials on Building-Level Emergency Response Teams. These individuals and appropriate means of contact are

⁴⁴ 155.17(c)(1)(ii) policies and procedures for responding to acts of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors to the school, including consideration of zero-tolerance policies for school violence;

documented in each Building-Level Emergency Response Plan.⁴⁵

10. The district has a zero-tolerance policy for weapons, in accordance with federal and state law and the District Code of Conduct, and utilizes our Restorative Practices model and philosophy to respond to other acts of school violence.

STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY INVOLVING A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

The following procedures provide a general overview of the District's response to a State Disaster Emergency and may require modification during an actual event based on a number of factors. The District will follow current guidance from the County Department of Health, State Department of Health and the State Education Department related to masking, distancing, quarantines, and other health-related requirements.

BACKGROUND

In September 2020, Governor Cuomo signed legislation that requires all New York State public employers to adopt a plan for operations in the event of a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease. The new legislation will constitute New York State Labor Law [Section 27-c](#), and serve as a response to the effects of the sudden onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Spring of 2020. In addition to 27-C, the following section was added to [2801-a of the Education Law](#) that required additions to the District Plan.

Education Law - 2801-a (m) - protocols for responding to a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease that are substantially consistent with the provisions of section twenty-seven-c of the labor law.

PROTOCOLS

1. In the event of a state-ordered reduction of the District's in-person workforce, the following is a list of **essential** employees.

Essential Position	Description
Building Level Emergency Team	All assigned members to the Emergency Team, as indicated in the BLERP.
District Level Emergency Team	All assigned members to the Emergency Team, as indicated in the DWSP.
Leadership Team	All assigned members to the Leadership Team.
Security Team	Director of Facilities and all assigned security staff and campus monitors.
Custodial Staff	Director of Facilities and all assigned staff.

⁴⁵ 155.17(c)(1)(iv) policies and procedures for contacting the appropriate law enforcement officials in the event of a violent incident;

Technology Staff	All assigned members to assist with remote access.
Food Service Staff	All applicable staff for food distribution, as needed.
Business Services Staff	All applicable staff for AP/AR, payroll, purchasing, and communications.

2. To enable all non-essential employees to telecommute, District staff will be guided by the Continuity of Instruction Plan contained within the Building-level Emergency Response Plans.

3. In an effort to reduce overcrowding on district property:
 - Class schedules may be rotated between A/B cohorts.
 - In-person days may be staggered by cohorts groups.
 - Staff and student arrival times may be staggered to reduce traffic in and out of the building.
 - The district will make the determination on which employees may be permitted to work remotely.
 - Visitors may not be permitted on campus during school hours.

4. A quantity of personal protective equipment (PPE), sufficient to provide to all essential employees, will be procured, stored, and managed as follows:
 - The Facilities Department will maintain an inventory of PPE in accordance with NYS Education Department guidelines, and continually restock the same as needed.
 - District will perform a PPE hazard assessment to determine appropriate PPE selection in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.132-136 OSHA guidelines using current SED/CDC/DOH/OSHA recommendations available at time of hazard (or communicable disease). This would include any chemicals being used to include the safety data sheet and training for employees.
 - Storage of personal protective equipment will be on campus and comply with the manufacturer’s storage recommendations for each item.
 - PPE equipment will be readily available, if needed.

5. In the event an employee or student is exposed to a known case of a communicable disease that is subject to a state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease, exhibits symptoms of such disease, or tests positive for such disease, the District will respond as per the *Infectious Disease Annex found in the Building Level Emergency Plans*.

6. All essential employees will have their hours and work locations documented, including off-site visits, by:

- All entrances will be locked and monitored by a greeter.
- All employees will use their access cards for entrance which documents their arrival on premises.
- Payroll, attendance, and/or time cards will further document an employee's presence on campus.
- Non-essential visitors will not be allowed on site.

7. If emergency housing is needed, the District will lodge an essential employee on a district property or at a local hotel.

If there is a declared state disaster emergency involving a communicable disease that involves the Putnam Valley School District, all staff, essential and non-essential, will be contacted, and they will be guided by the aforementioned protocols.

8. OTHER Any other requirements determined by the Department of Health such as contact tracing or testing, physical distancing, hygiene, and disinfectant, or mask-wearing.

IDENTIFICATION OF DISTRICT RESOURCES WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR USE DURING AN EMERGENCY⁴⁶

District resources are available in each building and stored in a central location. Each building will designate a Command Post. The list, which is not meant to be inclusive, requires the following items:

- Copy of District-Wide School Safety Plan
- Building-level Emergency Plan
- Quick reference Emergency Management Procedures
- List of emergency telephone numbers
- Building floor plans
- Telephones
- Radio communications
- Weather radio
- Flashlights
- Photocopier
- Computer
- Student rosters
- List of individuals with special needs and specific evacuation plans
- Telephone numbers for parents/guardians Information about emergency needs (e.g. students/staff that require medications, vehicular transportation issues, etc.)
- School and staff census information

Items shall be inventoried at the building level on a yearly basis

⁴⁶ 155.17(c)(1)(vii) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the identification of district resources which may be available for use during an emergency;

The Incident Commander or designee shall, as appropriate, utilize all available resources during an emergency. Within each building, schools may use the Staff All Call response protocol, that quickly summons all available staff members to a staging area for assignments. Coordination of available employees is typically performed by the Principal or their designee. Specific job duties will be assigned based on the type of emergency and in compliance with the appropriate district and building emergency response procedure. Additional district resources may be requested by any building administrator or designee as needed. The Superintendent or their designee will call in all available maintenance and custodial staff to provide support during an emergency as needed. Assistance from outside government agencies may also be requested. A specific list of available resources may be found in Appendix 4 of this plan.

PARTICIPATING IN UNIFIED COMMAND UNDER ICS PRINCIPLES

ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A chain of command consistent with the National Interagency Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) will be used in response to an emergency. Members of the School, Emergency Response Team, will be part of this system. In the event of an emergency, the response team will adopt NIMS/ICS principles based on the size, scope, and character of the emergency.

1. All administrators and Building-level Emergency Response Teams members shall complete the incident command training level one.
2. All District Emergency Response Team members shall complete incident command training level one and level two.

ICS POSITIONS

The number of ICS positions filled will be dependent upon the scope of the incident.

- **Incident Commander** – Responsible for the direction of the building response in a building-level emergency (Building Administrator/designee).
- **Public Information Officer** – Compiles and releases information to the news media.
- **Safety Officer** – Monitors the response to prevent injuries from occurring to both those involved in the incident and those trying to resolve it.
- **Liaison** – Represents the District by working with responding agencies (law enforcement, fire department, EMS, utilities, etc.) and other school districts that may be involved in the incident.
- **Incident Log** – Keeps a written log of all incident events and updates appropriate command post personnel on significant developments.
- **Operations** – responsible for directing the implementation of action plans and strategies for incident resolution.

⁴⁷ 155.17(c)(1)(viii) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of procedures to coordinate the use of school district resources and manpower during emergencies, including identification of the officials authorized to make decisions and of the staff members assigned to provide assistance during emergencies;

- **Logistics** – Responsible for providing all resources (personnel, equipment, facilities and services) required for incident resolution.
- **Planning/Intelligence** – Responsible for collecting, evaluating, and disseminating the information needed to measure the size, scope and seriousness of an incident and to plan a response.
- **Administration/Finance** – Responsible for all cost and financial matters related to the incident.

EMERGENCY REMOTE INSTRUCTION

OVERVIEW

The District may offer eLearning days to students in the event-of-an-emergency condition, including, but not limited to, extraordinary adverse weather conditions, impairment of heating facilities, insufficiency of water supply, shortage of fuel, destruction of a school building, or a communicable disease outbreak.

When making decisions about remote instruction, the District will consult with students, parents, teachers, administrators, community members, and other stakeholders as appropriate. When implementing remote instruction, the District will ensure that it is complying with applicable teaching and learning requirements.

DEFINITIONS

- "Asynchronous instruction" means instruction where students engage in learning without the direct presence (remote or in-person) of a teacher.
- "Non-digital and/or audio-based instruction" means instruction accessed synchronously and/or asynchronously through paper-based materials where the student to teacher interaction occurs via telephone or other audio platforms.
- "Remote instruction" means instruction provided by an appropriately certified teacher who is not in the same in-person physical location as the student(s) receiving the instruction, where there is regular and substantive daily interaction between the student and teacher.
 - Remote instruction will encompass synchronous instruction provided through digital video- based technology and may also include asynchronous instruction intended to complement synchronous instruction. Digital video-based technology includes online technology and videoconferencing technology.
 - Remote instruction may encompass non-digital and audio-based asynchronous and/or synchronous instruction where this instruction is more appropriate for a student's educational needs.
- "Synchronous instruction" means instruction where students engage in learning in the direct presence (remote or in-person) of a teacher in real time.

FORMATS AND METHODS OF REMOTE INSTRUCTION

Remote instruction may be delivered through a variety of formats and methods. Determinations about

how to best deliver remote instruction will take into account a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the number of students involved, the subject matter, the students' grade levels, and technological resources of both the District and students. Consideration will also be given to whether accommodations need to be made for students with disabilities or English language learners. Each school's Building-level Emergency Response Plan will contain this confidential information in the Continuity of Instruction Plan (COIP) section.

INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS

The District may engage students in synchronous and asynchronous learning on days of remote instruction under emergency conditions with an expectation that asynchronous instruction is supplementary to synchronous instruction. When remote instruction by digital technology is unavailable, appropriate special accommodations for students will be made to aid their learning. Instructional materials may be delivered to the students house.

COMPUTER AND CONNECTIVITY ACCESS FOR STUDENTS

The District will ensure that students have the necessary equipment at home to participate in eLearning.⁴⁸ No later than June 30th of each school year, the Superintendent will report to the Commissioner of Education the results of the survey on student access to computing devices and access to Internet connectivity on a form and format prescribed by the Commissioner.⁴⁹ The information received from the survey will aid in the development/updates to the detailed Continuity of Instruction Plan in each school's Building-level Emergency Response Plan.

MINIMUM INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS

Remote instruction provided on days when the District would have otherwise closed due to an emergency condition may be counted toward the annual hourly requirement for the purpose of state aid. The Superintendent will certify to the New York State Education Department, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, that an emergency condition existed on a previously scheduled school day and that the District was in session and provided remote instruction on that day and indicate how many instructional hours were provided on that day and certify that remote instruction was provided in accordance with the District's emergency remote instruction plan.

REMOTE INSTRUCTION SUPPORT

As necessary, the District will provide instruction on using remote instruction technology and IT support for students, teachers, and families. The District will also work to ensure that teachers and administrators are provided with professional development opportunities related to designing an effective remote instruction experience.

⁴⁸ 155.17(xxi)(a) ensure computing devices will be made available to students

⁴⁹ 155.17(f)(2) Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, each chief executive officer shall report to the Commissioner, no later than June 30 of each school year, on a form and format prescribed by the Commissioner, the results of the survey on student access to computing devices and access to internet connectivity

COMPLIANCE WITH DISTRICT POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Teachers and students are required to comply with any and all applicable District policies, procedures, and other related documents as they normally would for in-person instruction. Examples include, but are not limited to, the District's policies and procedures on non-discrimination and anti-harassment, acceptable use, and copyright. Students will also be required to abide by the rules contained within the *Code of Conduct* at all times while engaged in remote instruction. Violations of the *Code of Conduct* and/or engaging in prohibited conduct may result in disciplinary action as warranted.

PRIVACY AND SECURITY OF STUDENT AND TEACHER DATA

The District will take measures to protect the personally identifiable information of students and teachers from unauthorized disclosure or access when using remote instruction technologies in compliance with law, regulation, and District policy. Examples of these measures include, but are not limited to, minimizing the amount of data shared to only that which is necessary, de-identifying data, and using encryption or an equivalent technical control that renders personally identifiable information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons when transmitted electronically.

SECTION IV COMMUNICATION WITH OTHERS

Obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency service organizations and local government agencies⁵⁰

1. The district continues to work closely with local police, fire, EMS, and governmental agencies to obtain assistance during emergencies. Representatives helped in the development of this plan, have assisted in emergency drills, and provided technical assistance. Providers have given approval to the district to rely on local personnel, resources, and facilities in emergency situations.
2. The district maintains an updated list of local, county, and state agencies and personnel to contact to obtain assistance. The incident commander or their designee will initiate the contact when needed.

Obtaining advice and assistance from local government officials, including the county or city officials responsible for implementation of article 2-B of the Executive Law⁵¹

1. The district maintains an updated list of local and county emergency organizations, agencies, and government officials responsible for implementation of Article 2-B of the Executive Law. The superintendent and their designee will initiate the contact when needed.
2. In the event of an emergency the Incident Commander or designee shall call 911 to provide specific information regarding the emergency.
3. The key officials in local government that can help to develop plans and assist in emergency situations as listed in emergency situations are listed in Appendix 4. Key government agencies are listed below:

1. Putnam County Sheriff's Department
2. Putnam Valley Fire Department
3. New York State Police
4. Putnam County BES
5. Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps
6. Red Cross

Contacting Parents, Guardians or Persons in Parental Relation to the Students of the District in the Event of a Violent Incident or an Early Dismissal⁵²

⁵⁰ 155.17(c)(1)(v) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of the arrangements for obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency services organizations and local governmental agencies;

⁵¹ 155.17(c)(1)(vi) except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of the arrangements for obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency services organizations and local governmental agencies;

⁵² 155.17(c)(1)(ix) policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to the students of the district in the event of a violent incident or an early dismissal;

In the event of violent incidents or crises, or an early dismissal of students, every effort will be made to notify parents. As soon as practical, the Superintendent or their designee shall activate the emergency notification system that will provide relevant information. Parental notification procedures for a student involved in disciplinary situations shall be consistent with the Code of Conduct and New York State law, and shall be presented clearly and concisely to staff and students each year.

When a student is involved in any violent situation, or an implied or direct threat of violence by such student against themselves, including suicide, parent or guardian shall be contacted as soon as practical.⁵³ Administration shall utilize school mental health resources when necessary.

It is the responsibility of all parents and guardians to ensure that emergency contact information for students is always up-to-date and complete.

⁵³ 155.17(c)(1)(x) policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to an individual student of the district in the event of an implied or direct threat of violence by such student against themselves, which for the purposes of this subdivision shall include suicide;

SECTION V RECOVERY

DISTRICT SUPPORT FOR BUILDINGS

When the Chief Emergency Officer is notified that an emergency exists, he/she will respond accordingly.

Members of the District Safety Team will assist as needed either at their respective Building Command Posts or by responding where directed by the Incident Commander(s). The District Safety Team will assign such other personnel as deemed necessary to meet the needs of the situation.

The District Safety Team members will remain at their assigned posts until the Incident Commander(s) has determined that the emergency is over, or it is unsafe, or no longer necessary to remain, or need to relocate.

Should the incident involve a single building, at the discretion of the District Safety Team leader in consultation with that building's administrators and Building Emergency Response Team (BERT), other school buildings may be called to support the Building Emergency Response Team in that building.

Should the incident involve multiple buildings, at the discretion of the District Safety Team leader, in consultation with building administrators, additional mental health support from the County Crisis Team and local area hospitals may be solicited to support the Emergency Response Teams in the affected building(s).

In any case, a "debriefing", or post-incident analysis, will be facilitated by the District Safety Team. This process will include a review of the actual incident, the Team's response to the incident, and post-traumatic incident debriefing.

District clinicians (or, mental health professionals from outside agencies if they have been involved) will provide ongoing as-needed support to the Team members, and will monitor post-traumatic stress symptoms in team members. As appropriate, team members may be provided with a referral to EAP and/or with information regarding private mental health providers in the area.

Principal(s) are expected to consult with the District Public Information Officer in composing letters to parents following any emergency. The District's Public Information Officer will assist in sending mass communication messages to affected groups. The District's Liaison Officer will communicate with outside agencies, such as the County Health Department, to provide necessary services following any emergency.

DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The District Liaison Officer will communicate with outside agencies, such as the County Health Department, to provide necessary mental health services following any emergency. District mental health providers may be temporarily reassigned to assist in the recovery process.

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

This district maintains continuity of operations at both the district and building-level to ensure that essential functions continue during an emergency and its immediate aftermath. Essential functions include business services (payroll and purchasing), communication (internal and external), computer and systems support, facilities maintenance, safety and security, and continuity of instruction. Specific continuity plans are contained within each Building-level Emergency Response Plan.

CONTINUITY OF INSTRUCTION

The District offers a suite of online instructional tools that can be used to support remote instruction and communication. General instructional tools for communicating with students include online services including:

- Google Drive with shared folders
- GSuite (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, Classroom, Sites)
- Gmail
- Schoolwires
- Seesaw
- Schoology

Detailed grade-specific remote instructional procedures are contained within each building-level emergency plan.

Note: The local public Library online resources are available remotely and can be accessed by students who have a library card.

APPENDIX 1 - LISTING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

District Office

171 Oscawana Lake Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579
Phone: 845-528-8143

Putnam Valley High School

146 Peekskill Hollow Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579
Phone: 845-526-7847

PUTNAM VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

142 Peekskill Hollow Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579
Phone: 845-528-8101

Putnam Valley Elementary School

171 Oscawana Lake Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579
Phone: 845-528-8092

APPENDIX 2 – BUILDING-LEVEL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS

Due to the sensitive safety and security information contained in each Building-level Emergency Response Plan, these plans are confidential and not available for public dissemination. Copies of plans are maintained at each school building and the District office.

APPENDIX 3 – MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

Any applicable Memoranda of Understanding relevant to implementation of the District-wide and Building-level Emergency Response Plans are on file in the district office.

Purpose of MOU: The purpose of this Agreement is to formalize and clarify the roles and responsibilities of the District and the County of Putnam and the Sheriff of Putnam County.

Services Provided by Agency/Vendor: School Resource Officer(s)

Dates MOU is in Force: 2022-23 School Year

Contract #2022198

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made by and between PUTNAM VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, having an office at 146 Peekskill Hollow Road, New York 10579 (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), and the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, having an office at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and THE SHERIFF OF PUTNAM COUNTY, a constitutional officer in and for the County of Putnam, having an office at 3 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512 (hereinafter referred to as the "Sheriff").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the District desires to obtain certain specified professional services from the County and the Sheriff as more fully set forth hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Sheriff are willing to provide such professional services on the terms and conditions set forth herein and for the compensation stated hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

FIRST: The County shall permit, and the Sheriff shall furnish one (1) Special Patrol Officer (hereinafter "SPO") to the District to perform such services as more fully described in Schedule "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECOND: For the services rendered pursuant to paragraph "FIRST," the District shall pay the County:

1. A onetime payment of Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$2,130.00) per individual SPO for services related to investigative background checks and

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FIRST: The County shall permit, and the Sheriff shall furnish one (1) School Resource Officer (hereinafter "SRO") to the District, as more fully described in the excerpts of Article 52 of the Sheriff's Department Rules and Regulations attached hereto and made part hereof as Schedule "A."

SECOND: For the services rendered pursuant to paragraph "FIRST", the District shall pay the County:

- (a) \$7,126.00 per month, commencing July 1 2022.

BRIGER SECURITY SERVICES INC. – SERVICE AGREEMENT

Contract Agreement Date From: July 1st 2022 – June 30th 2023

**To: Putnam Valley Central School District
146 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley NY 10579**

**By: Briger Security Services, Inc.
116 Radio Circle Drive, Suite 305A, Mount Kisco NY 10549**

Hours of Security Coverage:

Briger Security Services, Inc. will provide unarmed, NYS licensed professional security officers at **Putnam Valley Central School District**.

Regular Hourly Rate: \$33.78
Overtime Hourly Rate: \$50.67

Briger security officers assigned to schools are paid at the current prevailing wage as defined by the department of labor.


Overtime⁽¹⁾Time and one half the regular rate after an 8 hour day. ⁽²⁾Time and one half the regular hourly rate after 40 hours in any work week.

With respect to fixed pricing recited herein, it is agreed that such fixed pricing may be increased by Contractor due to factors beyond Contractor's reasonable control, including but not limited to increases to minimum, prevailing or living wages, increases required by collective bargaining agreements, or increases occasioned by government mandates including the federal Affordable Care Act.

Putnam Valley Central School District 's acceptance of the above provisions and the following Agreement, and both parties' execution hereof will constitute exclusively and entirely the Agreement for providing security services at the Premises.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

BY 
Putnam Valley Central School District

BY 
Peter J Moren/President
Briger Security Services, Inc.

APPENDIX 4 – DISTRICT RESOURCES – CONTACT INFORMATION

TITLE	NAME	OFFICE PHONE
Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Jeremy Luft	845-528-8143
Director, Business Administration	Jill Figarella	845-528-8143
Asst. Superintendent, PPS & HR	Dr. Natalie Doherty	845-528-8130
Director, Curriculum & Instruction	Jacqueline Levine	845-528-8143
Transportation Supervisor	David Spittal	845-526-7856
Bus Dispatch Office – Head Bus Driver	Mike Koenig	845-528-8900
Asst. Head Bus Driver	N/A	
District Clerk	Maureen Bellino	845-528-8143
Public Information	Jeannie Denike	845-528-8143
Director of Facilities, Operations, & Transportation	David Spittal	845-528-8143
Assistant Director of Buildings & Grounds	N/A	
Director of Physical Education & Athletics	Dave Kantrowitz	845-528-7412
Cafeteria Services	Sandra Renken	845-528-8130
Adult Education	N/A	
Town Supervisor	Jackie Annabi	845-526-2121
Putnam Valley Fire Department		845-526-2879
Ambulance - Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps		845-526-3119
Putnam County		
County Executive	Kevin Byrne	845-808-1001
Emergency Management	Jackie Bray	845-808-4000 x41107
Sheriff's Department	Sheriff Kevin McConville	845-225-4300
County Health Dept.	Michael J. Nesheiwat, M.D. Interim	845-808-1390
Red Cross Emergency Services		845-878-7265

APPENDIX 5 – SECTION 155.17 REGULATION COMPLIANCE REFERENCE

- **155.17(b)(14)** District-wide school safety team means a district-wide team appointed by the board of education. The district-wide team shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of the school board, teacher, administrator, and parent organizations, school safety personnel, school bus drivers and monitors, and other school personnel. At the discretion of the board of education, or the chancellor in the case of the City of New York, a student may be allowed to participate on the safety team, provided however, that no portion of a confidential building-level emergency response plan shall be shared with such student nor shall such student be present where details of a confidential building-level emergency response plan or confidential portions of a district-wide emergency response strategy are discussed.
- **155.17(c)(1)(i)** policies and procedures for responding to implied or direct threats of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which for the purposes of this subdivision shall include suicide;
- **155.17(c)(1)(iii)** appropriate prevention and intervention strategies, such as: (a) collaborative arrangements with State and local law enforcement officials, designed to ensure that school safety officers and other security personnel are adequately trained, including being trained to de-escalate potentially violent situations, and are effectively and fairly recruited; (b) nonviolent conflict resolution training programs; (c) peer mediation programs and youth courts; and (d) extended day and other school safety programs;
- **155.17(c)(1)(iv)** policies and procedures for contacting the appropriate law enforcement officials in the event of a violent incident;
- **155.17(c)(1)(v)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of the arrangements for obtaining assistance during emergencies from emergency services organizations and local governmental agencies;
- **155.17(c)(1)(vi)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the procedures for obtaining advice and assistance from local government officials, including the county or city officials responsible for implementation of article 2-B of the Executive Law;
- **155.17(c)(1)(vii)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the identification of district resources which may be available for use during an emergency;
- **155.17(c)(1)(viii)** except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, a description of procedures to coordinate the use of school district resources and manpower during emergencies, including identification of the officials authorized to make decisions and of the staff members assigned to provide assistance during emergencies;
- **155.17(c)(1)(ix)** policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to the students of the district in the event of a violent incident or an early dismissal;
- **155.17(c)(1)(x)** policies and procedures for contacting parents, guardians or persons in parental relation to an individual student of the district in the event of an implied or direct threat of violence by such student against themselves, which for the purposes of this subdivision shall include suicide;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xii)** policies and procedures for the dissemination of informative materials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors, including but not limited to the identification of family, community and environmental factors to teachers, administrators, parents and other persons in parental relation to students of the school district or board, students and other persons deemed appropriate to receive such information;

- **155.17(c)(1)(xiii)** policies and procedures for annual multi-hazard school safety training for staff and students, provided that the district must certify to the commissioner that all staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 and each subsequent September 15th thereafter on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xiv)** procedures for review and the conduct of drills and other exercises to test components of the emergency response plan, including the use of tabletop exercises, in coordination with local and county emergency responders and preparedness officials;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xv)** the identification of appropriate responses to emergencies, including protocols for responding to bomb threats, hostage-takings, intrusions and kidnappings;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xvi)** strategies for improving communication among students and between students and staff and reporting of potentially violent incidents, such as the establishment of youth- run programs, peer mediation, conflict resolution, creating a forum or designating a mentor for students concerned with bullying or violence and establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms for school violence;
- **155.17(c)(1)(xvii)** a description of the duties of hall monitors and any other school safety personnel, the training required of all personnel acting in a school security capacity, and the hiring and screening process for all personnel acting in a school security capacity;
- **155.17(1)(c)(xix)** the designation of the superintendent, or superintendent's designee, as the district chief emergency officer whose duties shall include, but not be limited to: (a) coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement, and other first responders; (b) lead the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans; (c) ensure staff understanding of the district-wide school safety plan; (d) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building; (e) assist in the selection of security related technology and development of procedures for the use of such technology; (f) coordinate appropriate safety, security, and emergency training for district and school staff, including required training in the emergency response plan; (g) ensure the conduct of required evacuation and lock-down drills in all district buildings as required by Education Law section 807; and (h) ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans by the dates designated by the commissioner.
- **155.17(c)(2)(h)** Fire and emergency drills. Each school district and board of cooperative educational services shall, at least once every school year, and where possible in cooperation with local county emergency preparedness plan officials, conduct one test of its emergency response procedures under each of its building-level emergency response plans, including sheltering, lock-down, or early dismissal, at a time not to occur more than 15 minutes earlier than the normal dismissal time.
- **155.17(h)(i)** Except in a school district in a city having a population of more than one million inhabitants, the chief executive officer of each educational agency located within a public school district shall provide to the superintendent of schools information about school population, number of staff, transportation needs and the business and home telephone numbers of key officials of such educational agencies.

