



2021-2022 PROJECT SAVE PLAN
(Safe Schools Against Violence in
Education)
District Emergency Response Plan
New Dawn Charter High School





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INTRODUCTION

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This Project SAVE plan is a District-wide School Safety Plan, developed for the New Dawn Charter High School ('School' or 'The School'), for the current school year, 2021-2022. New Dawn Charter Schools supports the SAVE Legislation, and engages in a robust planning process with its staff and other stakeholders where applicable. Our goals for maintaining our School SAVE Safety Plan ('Safety Plan') are:

- To maintain an atmosphere and set of practices that prevent violence or unsafe conditions
- To continue to implement a plan that will minimize the effects of serious violent incidents and emergencies
- To routinely evaluate our response plan for all predictable safety concern situations
- To update our document that can be used as the basis for informing and training all school constituencies in regard to keeping our school safe.





SECTION I: GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS AND PLANNING GUIDELINES

A. Purpose

The New Dawn Charter High School Safety (SAVE) Plan has been developed pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation 155.17. At the direction of the Board of Trustees for New Dawn Charter High School (the "Board"), a New Dawn Charter High School Safety Team was created and charged with the development and maintenance of a New Dawn Charter High School Safety Plan.

Students, families, and teachers will be attending when the school re-opens in September 20120. The Plan presented here is reviewed and modified by the New Dawn Charter High School Safety Team, following Safety Plan guidelines distributed by NYSED. The Safety Team reviews emergency response plans with security professionals when applicable.

This initial Plan was modified through a series of meetings attended by the constituencies outlined above, also following SAVE Safety Plan guidelines distributed by NYSED, and in consultation with existing schools with high quality SAVE plans to ensure feasibility and thoroughness.

Our goal in maintaining this plan is to ensure the maximum safety of all students and staff at our school through careful and well thought out planning. We will conduct table-top and actual drills of included plans to facilitate organized and effective use of these plans in the case of an actual emergency.

B. School Safety Team

The New Dawn Charter High School Safety Team is comprised of, but not limited to, representatives from the Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, School safety personnel, and other school personnel as shown below. Within the School Safety Team is a Core School Safety Team that will coordinate the preparation and maintenance of





the School Safety Plan, and in the case of an incident, serve to provide initial assessment and coordination of the full team as required.

New Dawn Charter High School II Safety Team

Constituency Title	Name	Role	Core Team
Board of Trustees	Ron Tabano	School Safety Oversight	
Executive Director	Dr. Sara Asmussen	School Safety Team Member	
Principal	Donna Lobato	School Safety Team Head	Core
Director of Operations	Jose Obregon	School Safety Team Member 1 st Floor Sweep	Core
Faculty Member	Nazli Askin	School Safety Team Member: 2 Floor Sweep	Core
Faculty Member	Marcus Fennell	School Safety Team Member: 3rd Floor Sweep	Core
Faculty Member	Rudy Asher	School Safety Team Member: 4 th	Core
Local Law Enforcement	Kayla Difiglia Robin Juste	School Safety, 76th Precinct	

The New Dawn Safety Team Head, Rudy Asher, along with the Core School Safety Team, will be the main decision making body in the event of an emergency. All school-wide emergencies (Fire, intruder, bomb threat, etc.) should be immediately reported to the office of New Dawn Charter High School Principal Donna Lobato. If time permits, the School Safety Core Team will convene to determine an appropriate course of action. Should events require an immediate response, emergency action authority resides with Principal Donna Lobato or official designee.





C. Concept of Operations

The initial response to all emergencies at New Dawn Charter High School will be by the Core School Safety Team. Upon activation of the Core School Safety Team, local emergency officials and the Board of Trustees will be notified as appropriate. Efforts may be supplemented by county and state resources through existing protocols as required. The Core School Safety Team will also serve as the Emergency Response Team and Post Incident Response Team.

D. Plan Review and Public Comment

Pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation, Section 155.17(e)(3), a summary of this Plan was made available for public comment via our website. The updated Plan was formally adopted by the Board in September 2021. To ensure student safety, the plan is considered "in effect" until such time as a changes need to be made regarding new legislation or state education policy mandates require such changes.

Our School Safety Plan will remain confidential and shall not be 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. Full copies of the Building-Level Emergency Response Plan were supplied to both local and State Police. This Plan is reviewed periodically during the year and will be maintained by the Core School Safety Team. Annually, the Safety Plan will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees by their June Board meeting, prior to submission to the state by July 1 of each year.





SECTION II: RISK REDUCTION/ INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

A. Prevention/Intervention Strategies

New Dawn Charter High School believes strongly in the wisdom of implementing violence prevention and intervention protocols as a primary means of ensuring student/school safety. These protocols take the form of Prevention Programs, Building Personnel Training, Drills/Exercises/ Student Training, School Security Policies and Protocols, Coordination with Local Emergency Officials, and Maintenance of Educational Agency contact information as per the below:

Prevention Programs

- Advisory Program – New Dawn values communication amongst its students and between students and staff members. The advisory program is designed to facilitate this communication and also provide a means for students to discuss bullying or other issues they are facing at school. The advisory curriculum includes lessons on how to identify and prevent bullying, as well as exercises and lessons designed to increase understanding between students and trust between students and staff members.
- Our schoolwide Positive Based Intervention Support (PBIS) program promotes and supports pro-social behaviors that promote a positive school climate and decreased discipline. Keep
- School Counselors and/or Social Workers will help facilitate violence prevention meetings, conflict resolution sessions, peer mediation and forums for students concerned about bullying/violence, as well as establishing anonymous reporting mechanisms for school violence/ bullying, etc with the support of the School Safety Team and Administration.
- New Dawn also fosters a positive, safe learning environment for students by creating school schedules that minimize potential for conflicts or altercations.

Building Personnel Training

- In preparation for planning and executing drills, the School Safety Team reviews information/guidance on the NYSED and New York State Center for School Safety websites as well as Safety Plans from other schools.





- When hiring school safety/security personnel, the School will ensure all personnel have the appropriate background (experience and training) to fulfill their role, including training in how to de-escalate potentially violent situations.
- The School will review the detail of its Safety Plans with all faculty and staff prior to school opening (including all plan logistics, roles and responsibilities, and back up plans), ensuring all are clear on all roles and responsibilities as well as logistics. All staff will sign off on having reviewed and understood School Safety Plans.
- At least one Safety Team member will attend school safety training offered by the NYC DOE and share learning with the entire School Safety Team.
- At all times, two members of the New Dawn Charter High School Safety Team have taken CPR and AED training.
- New Dawn staff members are provided Violence Intervention training

Drills / Exercises/ Student Training

- The School Safety Team meets with community emergency responders to participate in tabletop drills and coordinate emergency procedures. The “table top” exercises include playing through the execution of each of our multi-hazard plans using an actual school and neighborhood layout diagram. The School will review all emergency response plans with students within the first 2 weeks of school, to ensure all students understand expectations for their action/behavior and that of the entire school community.
- The School will conduct mandated actual safety drills that test components of the School Safety Plan. These drills will be conducted in coordination with local emergency response and preparedness officials, as follows: The School will schedule the dates and times of drills with local officials; Just before a drill, the School will contact local officials to announce the drill is about to start. These drills include: fire drills, soft and hard lockdowns.
- The tentative schedule for School Safety Drills is:

#	Date	Drill Type	Participants	Notes
1	October 13	Evacuation drill	School wide	





2	October 21	Soft Lockdown	School wide	
3	October 22	Evacuation drill	School wide	
4	November 3	Evacuation drill	School wide	
5	November 8	Evacuation drill	School wide	
6	November 18	Evacuation drill	School wide	
7	November 30	Evacuation drill	School wide	
8	November 24	Evacuation drill	School wide	
9	December 1	Hard lockdown	School wide	
10	December 10	Evacuation drill	School wide	
11	December 15	Evacuation drill	School wide	
12	January 5	Evacuation drill	School wide	
13	January 10	Evacuation drill	School wide	
14	January 18	Evacuation drill	School wide	
15	February 1	Soft lockdown	School wide	
16	February 3	Evacuation drill	School wide	
17	February 24	Evacuation drill	School wide	
18	March 2	Hard Lockdown	School wide	
19	March 8	Evacuation drill	School wide	
20	March 23	Evacuation drill	School wide	
21	April 7	Evacuation drill	School wide	
22	April 27	Evacuation drill	School wide	
23	May 10	Evacuation drill	School wide	
24	May 17	Evacuation drill	School wide	

Implementation of School Security Policies and Protocols

School Safety/Security roles at New Dawn Charter High School are expected to be as follows:

- School Security: dedicated staff, located as follows:
 - At start and end of the school day there will be staff members at the front door
 - During all times there will be staff members in the administrative offices located on the first floor





- During the school day, there will be no less than 1 staff person identified to patrol the building.
- Hall monitors: Faculty and Administration will monitor hallways before and after school, and during class change times. Hall monitors and school safety personnel maintain order in the hallways by supervising the activities of all students, teachers, administrators, and visitors, and by preventing any minor student altercations from escalating into larger problems. All NDCHS monitors are members of the administrative team who have undergone finger print clearance and background checks, reference checks, and interviews.
- The New Dawn Charter High School security team oversees all security personnel and devices, in accordance with NYC DOE policies.

Other School safety protocols include:

- Only the front door on the left hand side of the building will be open at the start of day.
- At this entrance, two security officers are stationed. These officers wand students for potential items banned from the school, such as cell phones, weapons and other items illustrated in our student handbook.
- All school visitors will be required to show identification upon entering the school building, and to wear a school nametag while in the school. As appropriate, visitors will be escorted to classrooms or offices.
- The School will have security cameras located throughout the building.

(See detailed plans for each type of emergency response in Section IV: Response)

Coordination with Emergency Officials

The Principal (School Safety Head) will contact local emergency officials to review emergency procedures, to verify contact protocols and information, and to coordinate their involvement in School Safety drills.





Maintenance of Vital Education Agency Information

An updated School Staff contact list (with cell phone numbers) will be maintained by the Dean of School. The office manager also maintains a list of all local emergency contact names and numbers (police, fire, hospital, Board Members, local officials), Emergency Contact Information for all school staff, and a sheet with the demographics of the school (number of students, number of staff, organization chart for the school). Our student information system is virtual and can be accessed from any location, with all class lists, and emergency contacts in the event of emergency egress from the building.

B. Early Detection of Potentially Violent Behaviors

Early detection of potentially violent behaviors are important to identify and act upon. Any information that is provided from other students is related to the administrative team and then filtered to the appropriate parties for intervention, which can include a social worker or a student's mentor. Security may also be alerted to remove students suspected of such potential behavior in class to meet with the Dean or be further referred. If there is evidence to support a claim of potentially violent behaviors, the principal may elect to send one or both involved parties home for a "cooling off" period. The following day, those students would be admitted into the school with a peer mediation session to further support good relations and the end to any ongoing conflict.

C. Hazard Identification

By conducting a walk-through of the building, and in consultation with local police and school security staff, as part of developing the School Safety Plan, the following potential emergency sites and situations were identified:

Potential Emergency Site	Related Potential Emergency Situation	Risk Reduction Plans
School Building – stairwells and hallways.	Student confrontation Student inappropriate behaviors	Security and administration monitor halls and stairwells during class transition Have support staff monitor during class times





		<p>Train teachers to understand that students are to be in the classroom at all times if not being escorted somewhere</p> <p>Security cameras in place</p>
School Building – cafeteria	<p>Student confrontation</p> <p>Student inappropriate behaviors</p>	<p>Ensure 2-3 NDCHS staff in cafeteria at all times students are using the cafeteria (except for times when a single class is using the cafeteria)</p> <p>Security Cameras</p>
Rooftop, first floor backyard space	<p>Student confrontation</p> <p>Student inappropriate behavior</p> <p>Anyone being left on the roof, terrace, or backyard after school is closed for the day</p>	<p>Ensure sufficient NDCHS staff is present on the rooftop whenever students are using it.</p> <p>The rooftop, terrace and backyard are to be locked at all times unless a staff is signed up in the main office to use the space.</p> <p>Staff Monitors from the 4th, 2nd, 3rd and 1st floors will be assigned to check the spaces prior to closing down the school for the evening.</p>
<p>Culinary Kitchen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During school day 	Students using knives and other kitchen equipment	Students supervised by culinary teacher and other related staff. Students are





<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During class time 	<p>Walk in Freezer</p>	<p>trained how to use knives for cooking. All equipment is locked when not in use.</p> <p>When class is in session students are supervised by the culinary teacher and other staff. Freezer can be open from the inside and has safety features</p> <p>Kitchen is locked when not in use.</p>
<p>Threats Outside School Building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During intake During school day During dismissal 	<p>Students from other schools looking to start fights.</p> <p>Other adults in the vicinity that may pose a threat. Local emergencies that occur in the area and prevent students from reaching transportation home.</p>	<p>Principal, Dean, Security officers are at the perimeter of the building at intake and dismissal.</p> <p>Principal, Dean, Security officers remain on post outside of the building if an adult seems threatening, and contact the appointed NCO.</p> <p>School Principal makes a decision with the Executive Director if a shelter in place order is necessary. This decision is also coordinated with the local precinct NCO.</p>





SECTION III: RESPONSE

A. Assignment of Responsibilities

The chain of command at New Dawn Charter High School in the case of emergencies is as follows:

1. Principal
2. Executive Director
3. Dean
4. Parent Coordinator

B. Continuation of Operations

- In the event of an emergency, the Principal or his designee will serve as Incident Commander. The School Incident Commander may be replaced by a member of the local emergency response team
- The Executive Director or designee may be asked to serve a support role as part of a Unified Incident Command, if established, by the local emergency response agency.
- The school will follow the Chain of Command outlined above to ensure continuity of operations.

C. Notification and Activation (Internal and External Communications)

In the event of an emergency, the following internal and external communications systems will be utilized as makes most sense at the time:

- School Intercom
- School Phone system, including One Call
- Cell Phones of School Safety Team and staff
- Email





- Website (www.ndchsqueens.org)
- Text messaging
- Local media

Standard notification protocol will be for:

- Notification of an incident or hazard development to the Principal as soon as possible following its detection
- In the event of an emergency, Executive Director or Principal (Head of School Safety Team) will notify all building occupants to take appropriate protective action
- External communication will be channeled through the Office Manager under direction of Executive Director and Principal

Upon the occurrence of a violent incident, the Principal will contact the appropriate local law enforcement officials. Contact information with the 76th precinct is available in the office manager's desk, security desk, and on the person of the Executive Director, Principal and Dean at all times.

In the event of disaster or violent act, as necessary the Executive Director will notify the Board of Trustees via phone, and all staff via walking to classrooms if immediate communication is required, or via conducting an emergency staff meeting if the situation does not require immediate communication.

As necessary, the School will notify parents of a violent incident or early dismissal through use of the School Messenger and/or email. Parent contact information will be maintained through our student information system, Jupiter, and with a school-wide email group. The School Messenger System will also be maintained with current family/parent/guardian contact information.

Note – Families will be instructed in the Family/Student Handbook the contact numbers for the school, in addition to immediate notification with instructions via the school messenger system in the event of any emergency situation. The Office Manager also maintains a list of all local emergency contact names and numbers (police, fire, hospital, Board Members, local officials), Emergency Contact Information for all school staff, and





a sheet with the demographics of the school (number of students, number of staff, organization chart for the school). Our student information system is virtual and can be accessed from any location, with all class lists, and emergency contacts in the event of emergency egress from the building.

D. Attendance

In the event of an emergency, it is critical to be able to account for all school members (students, staff). Daily attendance procedures, and the intersection with the School Safety Plan are as follows:

- Students – Student attendance is taken by student sign in management system daily. Students must swipe in as soon as they enter the building. All attendance is tracked through Jupiter and can be accessed at any location to ensure that all students are accounted for. After evacuation, student attendance is taken again with students grouped in their current period class, and absentees notified immediately to ensure that all students are accounted for.
- Faculty and Staff - All faculty and staff must both swipe in and sign in on the Daily Staff Sign In/Out sheet at the front desk when they arrive at School. When they leave they must Sign Out on this same Sign In/Out sheet. In the event of an emergency requiring school evacuation, the Principal takes the Daily Staff Sign In/Out Sheet with her to the meeting place. The Sign In/Out sheet is used to account for each staff member.
- Attendance sheets are located in the “Emergency/Safety” binder in the Principal’s office.

E. Emergency Bag

An “Emergency Bag” will be located at the school in a location that staff will be aware of and contains this safety plan as well as faculty/staff directory, student directory, first aid kit and other emergency equipment.





All teachers will have a hand held sign that indicates if they need assistance or that everyone is accounted for in their class. Teachers bring this, along with a clipboard containing their student list during drills and emergency situations.

F. Situational responses

Multi-Hazard Response

Emergency Situation	Response
Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound fire alarm • Teacher escort current class to agreed meeting location. Students stay with teachers. • Executive Director, Principal and Dean take cell phones • Principal – Pick up Emergency Bag (with Student Emergency Contact Binder, School Safety Plan binder, Staff sign sheet) • “Sweep” staff (Safety Team Floor Point People) ensure building is empty • Meet at designated spot: corner of Degraw and Hoyt or Butler and Hoyt • Attendance is taken • Principal/Dean confirm All Clear • Return to school
Intruder in Building	Over intercom, NDCHS Principal takes undisclosed action (this is detailed in the building plan).
Shooting in the Building	Notification to Safety Head (Rudy Asher) and Principal (Donna Lobato) or designee, Executive Director (Dr. Asmussen) and the NYPD SSA.





<p>Shooting outside of the building</p>	<p>In the event there is a shooter outside of the building several actions will be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification to Safety Head and Principal (Donna Lobato) or designee, Executive Director (Dr. Asmussen) and the NYPD SSA. • Immediate Hard Lockdown is called and procedures for a shooter inside of the building will be followed • Safety Head/Principal will coordinate with local law enforcement (76th precinct) to ensure all students have been accounted for and are inside the building safe. • If students are outside during time of shooting, students will be ushered inside the school building to shelter in place. Counselors, School administration and Parent Coordinator will take attendance and work with families in coming to pick up students back at the school. If students had already exited the area, attendance will be taken with families to ensure they reached their destination safely.
<p>Explosive/ Bomb Threat</p>	<p>In the event of a bomb threat, all information possible will be obtained and communicated to the police and bomb squad. All calls must be made from a land line phone DO NOT use cell phones or Radios when there is potentially a bomb on site.</p>





	<p>If necessary, the building will be evacuated. The receiver of the threat should attempt to get all information possible from the caller/suspect.</p> <p>If a suspicious package is observed, DO NOT TOUCH IT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public communication about the bomb threat will come from the Executive Director as soon as possible after the conclusion of the incident A letter will be sent home (and mailed later) with the students to explain the event. The staff will receive an email of this letter and, if appropriate, information gained during the threat. Some information may not be divulged due to the needs of the law enforcement agencies and their pending investigation. Any information sought by the media will be directed to and given out through the office of the Executive Director. The New York City Department of Education and the State Education Department will be notified of the bomb threat.
Hostage/Kidnapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification to Executive Director of NDCHS, Safety Team and the NYPD SSA.





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make parental/guardian contact to ensure that the student is not with relatives or friends. • Follow “Intruder Procedure” if it is believed that the perpetrator might still be in the building. • Check attendance information for the student who is reported kidnapped. • Executive Director will notify respective Supervisors and arriving agencies with pertinent and vital information.
Civil Disturbance/ Terrorist Activity	The Safety Team will take action pursuant to police and other local authority recommendations. If no such recommendation is available, the Safety Team Head will direct the Safety Team as she best sees fit.
Hazardous Material, Building Collapse, Explosion	<p>Notification to Principal/designee, Safety Administrator and the NYPD SSA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA system or Fire Drill Bell Notification to staff alerting them of situation. • Evacuation of students and staff, as needed, to the Evacuation Location with attendance information as prescribed in the School Safety Plan. • Appointed staff as outlined in the safety plan should assist in the evacuation with the exception of the contaminated area. No one is to re-enter the building/affected area without authorization from appropriate agency.





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the building cannot be re-entered, the parents/guardians need to be called and advised of the situation. Staff should remain at the evacuated school to direct the parents/guardians to the Evacuation Location for pickup.
Medical Emergency	<p>If at all possible, the staff member who is made aware of the medical emergency will handle it or alert another staff member known to be qualified to handle it. These activities can include administering prescribed medications. In the case of any medical emergency, the child's parent, guardian, or emergency contact will be called by NDCHS and, if need be, an ambulance will be called as soon as possible and a school counselor will go with the student to the hospital until a parent or relative meets them at the hospital.</p>
Hazardous Materials and/or Gas Leak	<p>In the event of a gas leak or other hazardous material in the building, the Principal or their designees will contact the appropriate emergency services agency and will evacuate the building or block off the affected area as necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If warranted, the decision to evacuate the building will be done so by sounding the fire alarm. Before an evacuation is conducted, all routes out of the building must be determined to be safe and away from the spill area. The local Fire Department and New York State DEC will be immediately notified if deemed a problem beyond





	the reach and expertise of Safety Team.
Biological Threat, Radiological Threat	If the threat is internal to the school, the protocols for Hazardous Materials and/or Gas Leaks should be followed. The Principal and Executive Director will notify the Safety Team if the threat is in the immediate area, following orders from local emergency authorities.
Epidemic	The Principal and Executive Director will notify the Safety Team if the threat is in the immediate area, following orders from local emergency authorities.
Weather Related Incidents	Students and staff are aware that the school is closed on days that all other New York City public schools are closed. If a dangerous weather situation or natural disaster should occur after school has convened for the day, students will either be sent home, if safe and possible, or held at school for dismissal when it is safe and possible.





Source of Threat	Plan
Student	<p>As stated in the NDCHS Student Family Handbook, acts of violence within school grounds are considered a major offense. Punishments will be proportional to the severity of the offense, and may include, but are not limited to, parental notification, suspension, or expulsion. Punishment will be determined at the discretion of the Executive Director, Principal, and other relevant Board members, faculty members and administrators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement de-escalation procedures - Remove student from situation, have Social Workers or Counselor discuss incident and causes for incident with student. • Determine level of threat (Critical, High, Medium, Low) • Inform Principal, and as necessary, Executive Director • As necessary, contact parent/guardian, police and/or hospital • As necessary, inform staff • Monitor situation to ensure resolved • If necessary, implement Emergency Response Plan
Staff/ School Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement de-escalation procedures - Remove staff member from situation, have Principal and/or Executive Director discuss incident and causes for incident with staff member • Determine level of threat (Critical, High, Medium, Low) • As necessary, contact police and/or hospital • As necessary, inform staff and Board of Trustees • Monitor situation to ensure resolved • As deemed appropriate, ban person from the property and prosecute legally. • If necessary, implement Emergency Response Plan





Visitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement de-escalation procedures - Remove visitor from situation, Principal will discuss incident and causes for incident with visitor • Determine level of threat (Critical, High, Medium, Low) • As necessary, contact police and/or hospital • As necessary, inform staff and Board of Trustees • Monitor situation to ensure resolved • As deemed appropriate, ban person from the property and prosecute legally. • If necessary, implement Emergency Response Plan
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Responses to Implied or Direct Threats of Acts of Violence

All of the below plans are in keeping with the School's Zero Tolerance Policy for School Violence

The school will also provide violence de-escalation and early warning sign identification training to all staff within the first month of school.

Response to Acts of Violence

The below plan is in keeping with the School's Zero Tolerance Policy for School Violence. In the event of actual violence by any member of the school community or person on school grounds the School will follow the procedure below:

- Injured parties will be taken care of
- Offending individual will be contained
- Executive Director, in consultation with the Principal, will determine the level of threat
- As required:
 - The immediate area of the act will be isolated and/or evacuated
 - Lockdown procedures will be activated
 - Local law enforcement agencies will be notified
- Situation will be monitored and response adjusted as necessary
- As necessary





- Initiate early dismissal
- Initiate shelter or evacuation procedures

Protective Action Options

Situation	Plan
School Cancellation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor situation that may warrant school cancellation (Executive Director, Principal) • Make cancellation determination • Inform Families/Students • Inform Staff • Inform Board • As necessary, inform other parties
Early Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor situation that may warrant early dismissal (Executive Director, Principal) • Make early dismissal determination • Agree time to send early dismissal signal (intercom) • Inform Families/Students • Inform Staff • Retain appropriate school personnel on site until all students have left
Sheltering In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor situation that may warrant sheltering in (Executive Director, Principal) • Make sheltering in determination • Inform Families/Students • Inform Staff • Inform Board • Remain in contact with local authorities/agencies making the recommendation for sheltering in





Evacuation (before, during and after school hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine level of threat • Clear all evacuation routes and sites • Evacuate staff and students to pre-arranged evacuation site • Account for all students and staff populations. Report any missing persons to Principal • Make determination regarding early dismissal • If dismiss early, contact families • Ensure adult/continued school supervision/security • Retain appropriate school personnel on site until all students have left
Movement to Sheltering Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine level of threat • Confirm sheltering location, depending on nature of incident • Evacuate staff and students to pre-arranged sheltering site • Account for all students and staff populations. Report any missing persons to Principal • Make determination regarding early dismissal • If dismiss early, contact families • Ensure adult/continued school supervision/security • Retain appropriate school personnel on site until all students have left

All of the above will be done in cooperation with local emergency responders.

For all Situations:





- Parents - The Principal will determine if and when parents need to be informed, and will do the informing. This will be done in consultation with the senior Admin Team.
- Media –The Executive Director will determine if and when the media needs to be informed, and will do the informing. This will be done in consultation with the Board.
- The School Safety Team will convene within 48 hours to conduct a Situation Debrief. The Debrief process will include soliciting input from other school constituencies as follows: Principal asks for feedback from faculty and students (as appropriate), Executive Director asks for feedback from other school constituencies (staff, security staff, etc.). The results of this Debrief will inform future plan updates.

Summary of Situations and Associated Communication Code Phrases

Emergency Situation	Communication Code Phrases
Intruder – Is In the Building	Included in Building Plan
Intruder – Alert Is Over	Included in Building Plan
Bomb Threat	Included in Building Plan
Civil Unrest	Included in Building Plan

Arrangements for Obtaining Emergency Assistance from Local Government

As necessary, the Executive Director will request assistance from emergency services organizations and local government agencies. Contact names and numbers will be maintained in the School Emergency/ Safety Plan Binder. A soft and hard copy of this contact information will be maintained by the Principal and Director of Finance in their offices. A record will be maintained of all Local Government Emergency Assistance requests and responses.

Procedures for Obtaining Advice and Assistance from Local Government Officials





As necessary, the Executive Director will request advice and assistance from local government officials (borough and city) and agencies such as the Red Cross. Contact names and numbers for all relevant local government officials and agencies, and the Red Cross will be maintained in the School Emergency/ Safety Plan Binder. A soft and hard copy of this contact information will be maintained by Principal and Director of Finance in their offices. A record will be maintained of all Local Government Officials and Agencies requests and responses.

School (District) Resources Available for Use in an Emergency

The following school resources are available in case of an emergency:

- Cell Phone
- Tool Box
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Moving Cart

Procedures to Coordinate the Use of School District Resources and Manpower during Emergencies

(see Multi-Hazard Plans above)

G. Security of Crime Scene

- The Executive Director (Head of School Safety Team) or designee is responsible for crime scene security and crime related evidence until relieved by law enforcement officials.
- No item shall be removed, cleaned or altered without prior approval from the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- Nothing in this section should be interpreted to preclude the rescue and aid of injured persons.



SECTION IV: RECOVERY

New Dawn Charter High School Recovery (Post Incident Responses) will include, but not be limited to:

Short term:

- Mental health counseling for staff and students
- Building security
- Facility Restoration
- Post Incident Critique - After the recovery stage of any incident, the New Dawn Charter High School Safety Team will conduct an internal Situation Debrief that will include re-evaluations of violence prevention and school safety activities as appropriate to improve our plan. Updates to the Safety Plan will be made as appropriate.

Long Term:

- Mental health counseling for staff and students
- Building security
- Mitigation actions, as appropriate, to reduce the likelihood of repeat occurrence and impact if a similar incident does occur again.

Note that the New Dawn Charter High School Safety Team has coordinated with statewide plans for disaster mental health services to ensure that the School has access to federal, state and local mental health resources in the event of a violent incident.

After the recovery stage of any incident, the New Dawn Charter High School Safety Team will conduct an internal Situation Debrief that will include re-evaluations of violence prevention and school safety activities as appropriate to improve our plan. Updates to the Safety Plan will be made as appropriate