

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
14 DE Admin. Code 620
Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 220 (14 Del.C. §220)
REGULATORY IMPLEMENTING ORDER
620 School Crisis Response Plans

FINAL

I. Summary of the Evidence and Information Submitted

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 880 School Crisis Response Plans. The amendment requires a meeting following practice drills to assess the readiness and effectiveness of the plan. The plan must also be made available to the Department's Quality Review Team when they visit the school. The reference to Alternative Schools has been changed more appropriately to Alternative Program sites and the number assigned to the regulation has been changed to 620 in order to place it in the School Climate and Discipline section of the regulations.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the News Journal and the Delaware State News on May 24, 2004, in the form hereto attached as *Exhibit "A"*. No comments were received.

II. Findings of Facts

The Secretary finds that it is appropriate to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 880 in order to require a meeting following practice drills to assess the readiness and effectiveness of the plan. The plan must also be made available to the Department's Quality Review Team when they visit the school and the reference to Alternative Schools has been changed to Alternative Program sites

III. Decision to Amend the Regulation

For the foregoing reasons, the Secretary concludes that it is appropriate to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 880. Therefore, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122, 14 **DE Admin. Code** 880 attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"* is hereby amended. Pursuant to the provision of 14 **Del.C.** §122(e), 14 **DE Admin. Code** 880 hereby amended shall be in effect for a period of five years from the effective date of this order as set forth in Section V. below.

IV. Text and Citation

The text of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 880 amended hereby shall be in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"*, and said regulation shall be cited as 14 **DE Admin. Code** 620 in the *Administrative Code of Regulations* for the Department of Education.

V. Effective Date of Order

The actions hereinabove referred to were taken by the Secretary pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122 on July 2, 2004. The effective date of this Order shall be ten (10) days from the date this Order is published in the *Delaware Register of Regulations*.

IT IS SO ORDERED the 2nd day of July 2004.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Valerie A. Woodruff, Secretary of Education

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1.0 Every Delaware public school including Charter Schools and Alternative ~~Schools~~ Program sites shall develop a School Crisis Response Plan and shall conduct at least one practice drill annually. Following practice drills, the districts and heads of charter schools shall ensure that the school safety teams conduct meetings to assess readiness and determine the effectiveness of the existing plans. ~~Such plan~~ School Crisis Response Plans shall be developed

using guidelines provided by the Department of Education and shall be made available to the Department of Education's Quality Review Team at the time of their visit.

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