

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
14 DE Admin. Code 618
Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 220 (14 Del.C. §220)

REGULATORY IMPLEMENTING ORDER

618 School Safety Audit

FINAL

I. Summary of the Evidence and Information Submitted

The Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 879 School Safety Audit by requiring that a corrective plan of action be developed within sixty (60) days of conducting the School Safety Audit and that the plan be made available to the Department's Quality Review Team at the time of their visit. 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 618 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** 879 in order to require that a corrective plan of action be developed within sixty (60) days of conducting the School Safety Audit to be made available to the Department's Quality Review Team at the time of their visit and that references to Alternative Schools be 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** 879. Therefore, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §122, 14 **DE Admin. Code** 879 attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"* is hereby amended. Pursuant to the provision of 14 **Del.C.** §122(e), 14 **DE Admin. Code** 879 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** 879 amended hereby shall be in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit "B"*, and said regulation shall be cited as 14 **DE Admin. Code** 618 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 Each school year every Delaware public school including Charter Schools and Alternative ~~Schools~~ Schools Program sites shall conduct a School Safety Audit. Such audit shall be conducted using guidelines provided by the Department of Education. Districts and heads of charter schools shall ensure that a corrective plan of action to address identified needs is developed within sixty (60) days of the School Safety Audit. The corrective plan of action shall be made

available to the Department of Education's Quality Review Team at the time of their visit.

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