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The Board of Education recognizes that keeping students and staff safe and acknowledges that the law compelling school attendance vests in the Board a custodial responsibility for the children in its charge and a duty to protect those children from persons not associated with the school district. The Board further recognizes that its interest in helping children understand and respect the law is best served by a close and cooperative relationship with local law enforcement.

The Board adopts this p Policy and accompanying rRegulation 9320 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 16-6.1. to ensure cooperation between school staff and law enforcement authorities officials in all matters relating to the unlawful possession, distribution and disposition of controlled dangerous substances or other drugs, including anabolic steroids, as defined in N.J.S.A. 24:21-2 and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-2, drug paraphernalia defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:36-1, alcoholic beverages; firearms, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1.f.; and other deadly weapons as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1.r. :

1. The unlawful possession, distribution and disposition of controlled dangerous substances as defined in N.J.S.A. 24:21-2, including but not limited to anabolic steroids, drug paraphernalia and alcoholic beverages;
2. Firearms as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1. (f);
3. Other deadly weapons as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1.(r); and
4. The planning and conduct of law enforcement activities and operations occurring on school property, including arrest procedures and undercover school operations.

This policy and its accompanying regulation have been developed and approved by the Board to protect the interests of students and to serve the legitimate needs of law enforcement in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.1 et seq. The Board directs the Superintendent to institute a program providing for appropriate communication and cooperation with law enforcement entities. Upon adoption, copies of this policy and its accompanying regulation shall be submitted to the County Superintendent for review and approval in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(a)2.

The Board adopts Policy and Regulation 9320 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.1. to ensure cooperation between school district staff and law enforcement authorities in all

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matters relating to the planning and conduct of law enforcement activities and operations occurring on school grounds, including arrest procedures, undercover school operations, and mandatory reporting the offenses listed in the Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials (MOA).

The Superintendent or designee shall institute a program of such communication and cooperation with law enforcement in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.1.

This Policy and Regulation 9320 shall be submitted for review and approval to the Executive County Superintendent in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(a)2.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually review the MOA as adopted by the Board to ensure this Policy and Regulation 9320 are in accordance with the requirements outlined therein.

N.J.S.A.2C:39-1; 24:21-2

N.J.A.C. 6A: 16-6.1.; 6A:16-.2; 6A:16-6.4.

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