

Safety Issues in Schools

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that all necessary and appropriate safety precautions and remedial actions need to be taken in the public schools in order to inform students, staff and the community of and protect them against contaminants, including those that are air- and water-borne, as well as any other hazardous substances and noise pollution which students, staff and members of the community may come in contact with on school property. *[Authority: DA 1/79-4 and 5; DA 1/80-3; DA 12/82-8; DA 6/90-7; DA 6/93-SR; DA 5/96-SR]*
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that the health and safety of students, staff and the community should be considered when sites are selected for hazardous waste disposal and solid waste burning. *[Authority: DA 1/79-Late 1; DA 12/87-11; DA 5/96-SR]*
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that boards of education should be provided relevant assistance, including, but not limited to, financial resources to address safety and remediation issues affecting school districts. *[Authority: DA 1/80-2; DA 6/81-B; DA 6/85-10; DA 12/85-8; DA 12/86-4; DA 5/96-SR]*
- D. **The NJSBA believes** that boards of education should be relieved from liability for the cost of the cleanup or removal of any accidental discharge of hazardous waste. *[Authority: DA 6/81-B; DA 5/96-SR]*
- E. **The NJSBA believes** that safety and remediation initiatives should recognize the special status of boards of education and school districts and accord appropriate treatment based upon this special status. *[Authority: DA 6/91-1; DA 6/93-3; DA 5/96-SR, DA 11/01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR, DA 11/21-SR]*

Labeling Requirements of the Right to Know Act

The NJSBA believes that requirements to label containers of hazardous and non-hazardous substances under federal and state laws and regulations should be the obligation of manufacturers, producers, distributors, processors and their agents and that the responsibility should not be placed on local boards of education. *[Authority: DA 6/87-3, DA 6/88-1 & 1A, DA 11/96-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 11/01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR, DA 11/21-SR]*

Cross References: 1430 State and national units
3530 Insurance management
5142 Pupil safety
6114 Emergencies and disaster preparedness

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