Release of Information Concerning Sexual and Kidnapping Offenders

Law enforcement agencies receive relevant information about the release of sexual and kidnapping offenders into communities. Law enforcement agencies decide when such information needs to be released to the public. The school district has a public safety role to play in the dissemination of such information to staff, parents, students and the community and will disseminate such information under the following conditions:

A. Receipt of a specific request from a law enforcement agency that information be disseminated to staff and/or students and parents. In every case where students are notified, parents will be notified as soon as possible.

B. Receipt of the actual sexual offender documents to be distributed. The District may duplicate the sex offender documents, but they will be distributed in the form received from the law enforcement agency.

If the school receives notification from law authorities that a sex offender has moved into the school’s attendance area, the school will issue the following information in the school’s newsletter:

"Law Enforcement Notification: Our school has been notified that a Level ___ (I, II, III) sex offender has moved to the ____ block of _____ (Ave/Street/etc.) The state maintains a website so that anyone can check for further information about registered sex offenders. The website address is http://ml.waspc.org/.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 3143 District Notification of Juvenile Offenders

Legal Reference: RCW 4.24.550 Sex offenders--and kidnapping offenders -- Release of information to public--When authorized--Immunity

Management Resources:
- Policy News, August 1998 State encourages modification of weapons policy
- Policy News, October 2010 Release of Sex Offender Information

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