

Paroled Sex Offenders Who Reside within the Boundaries of the School District

The New York State Division of Parole has promulgated guidelines which provide for notification to school districts when a predatory sex offender who targets children is paroled and resides or works within or about a school district. Such notification includes a photograph of such individual, the conditions of parole and who to contact to report the presence of such individual in or around the schools of the District. Because the safety and protection of the students in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District is of primary importance, it is the policy of the School District to cooperate with and assist the New York State Division of Parole with respect to monitoring the whereabouts of paroled predatory sex offenders who target children, where such individuals reside or work within close proximity of the School District.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish and implement procedures to assist the Division of Parole authorities when the School District is notified that a paroled predatory sex offender who targets children is located in or about the School District. However, in no event will the School District release any information about such paroled predatory sex offenders to the public.

Procedures - Paroled Sex Offenders

Upon receiving notification from the New York State Division of Parole that a predatory sex offender who targets children resides or works within close proximity of the School District, the Superintendent of Schools shall:

1. Advise all building administrators, secretaries, the head custodian, bus drivers and monitors, as well as arrival, dismissal and playground supervisors and teachers of the fact that a predatory sex offender who targets children resides or works in or around the School District, as well as any special conditions imposed upon such individual (e.g., stay away from young children and/or stay away from school facilities).
2. Distribute a photograph of the paroled predatory sex offender who targets children to the individuals identified in paragraph "1", as well as information about how to contact the parole officer and/or police. A copy of such photograph will also be posted in the staff lounges.
3. Advise groups that regularly use school facilities with children in attendance and parents of students that the New York State Division of Parole has notified the School District of the presence of a paroled predatory sex offender who targets children, but do not release any personal information.
4. Contact the Division of Parole to request that they send the pertinent information (notification package) to the groups that regularly use school facilities with children in attendance.
5. Discuss and implement a plan for "being on the look-out" for such paroled sex offenders as a cooperative effort (e.g., in buildings, on school grounds, adjacent public streets, at bus pick-up and drop-off points, etc.), including providing training for administrators and staff members.
6. Train students about contacts with strangers.

The School District will not release any information about such paroled sex offenders to the public. All Freedom of Information Law inquiries regarding such individuals shall be directed to the New York State Division of Parole.