

## Memorandum

**TO:** ACPS School Board Policy Subcommittee  
**FROM:** Matt Smith, Policy Services Consultant  
**DATE:** January 6, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Policy Revisions

Staff are proposing revisions to the following policies:

- EB - School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency Response Plan
- EBB - Threat Assessment Teams
- EBB-R Threat Assessment Teams Regulations
- EBCA - Emergency Response Drills
- EBCE - Emergency Services
- EEAD - Special Use of School Buses

These policies have been revised to align with the ACPS Policy Style Guide, aligned with the VSBA model policy and the Code of Virginia, reviewed by the Equity Audit Team, reviewed by a team of ACPS staff members, and reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team.

These policies are proposed for information on February 16, 2023 and action on March 2, 2023.

### Revision Summaries

#### **EB - School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency Response Plan**

- Added references to other policies
- Aligned with the VSBA model policy
- Third paragraph of policy amended to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-279.8 by [HB 1129](#)/SB 600 (regarding collaboration with chief law-enforcement officer).
  - **School safety audits; law-enforcement officers.** Requires each local school board to require its schools to collaborate with the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality or his designee when conducting required school safety audits. Under current law, the division superintendent is required to make the results of such audits available to the chief law-enforcement officer upon request. The bill also requires that the completed walk-through checklist using the standardized checklist provided by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety be made available to the chief law-enforcement officer of the locality or his designee. Current law requires that the completed walk-through checklist be made available to the chief law-enforcement officer or his designee upon request. This bill is identical to SB 600.
- Definition of school safety audit updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-279.8 by [HB 741](#) (regarding floor plans).
  - **Annual public elementary and secondary school safety audits;** creation or review of school building floor plans required. Requires each local school board,

as part of each annual school safety audit, to create a detailed and accurate floor plan for each public school building in the local school division or certify that the existing floor plan for each such school is sufficiently detailed and accurate but provides that such floor plan may be withheld from public disclosure.

## **EBB - Threat Assessment Teams**

### **EBB-R Threat Assessment Teams Regulations**

- Aligned with the VSBA model policy
- Revised to reflect the ACPS practice of calling the teams “Threat Assessment Teams”. The term “Safety Teams” is no longer used.
- Removed the reference to the central team. While there are identified staff to support the process, it is not a formal team.
- Policy updated to reflect inclusion of SROs on threat assessment teams as required by Va. Code § 22.1-79.4.C as amended by [HB 873](#).
  - **Public elementary and secondary schools; threat assessment team membership;** law-enforcement liaison for certain school administrators. Requires, in the case of any public elementary or secondary school in which a school resource officer is employed, the threat assessment team for such school to include at least one such school resource officer. The bill requires the chief local law-enforcement officer for any local school division in which a public elementary or secondary school does not employ a school resource officer to designate a law-enforcement officer to receive, either in-person or online, the school safety training for public school personnel conducted by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety in accordance with relevant law and requires such officer to serve as the law-enforcement liaison for the school administrator in such a school who has also received such training as prescribed by relevant law.

## **EBCA - Emergency Preparedness Response Drills**

- Renumbered to EBCB to align with the VSBA model policy
- Reviewed to ensure a holistic review of the safety policies and procedures
- Revised to add clarity about decisions to shelter in place or evacuate

## **EBCE - Emergency Services**

- 5-year review
- No VSBA model policy
- Standard changes and minor rewording

## **EEAD - Special Use of School Buses**

- Added breadcrumbs to other policies
- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-182 by [SB 774](#).
  - **School buses; commercial use.** Permits the school board of any school division to enter into agreements with any third-party logistics company to allow

for the use of the school buses of such school division by such third-party logistics company but provides that such third-party logistics company shall not use the school buses to provide transportation of passengers for compensation or for residential delivery of products for compensation.