

**ARTICLE SEVEN
HEALTH AND SAFETY**

A. Unsafe/Hazardous Conditions:

1. **Potentially Unsafe/Unhealthy Conditions:** There shall be compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws relating to health and safety of personnel. Whenever an unsafe or unhealthy condition exists, the employee aware of the condition, shall report to the principal who shall attempt to correct the problem. If the principal cannot correct the problem within ten (10) workdays of the date he/she is made aware of said problem, he/she shall notify the Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer for the purpose of taking appropriate action to investigate and resolve the matter. This deadline may be extended by mutual agreement between the affected principal and building steward. Each site's Faculty Council, or subcommittee thereof, may review health/safety/air quality issues and make recommendations addressing such issues to the site principal/administrator. If a majority of the Faculty Council at a site is not satisfied with the administrator's response and the response of the School Performance & Accountability Office, they may request that the Labor Management Committee review the matters. The District shall provide the BTU with reports of unsafe or unhealthy conditions generated periodically or as a result of a complaint. The school locations will provide the BTU with monthly reports identifying work performed to correct deficiencies.

2. **Immediately Hazardous, Dangerous, or Infectious Conditions:** Employees are expected to use appropriate judgment in evaluating immediately hazardous or dangerous conditions, and notifying the appropriate administrator when they believe an area should not be occupied by students or employees. Administrators shall immediately respond to the employee's concerns regarding hazardous, dangerous, or infectious conditions. In order to ensure the safety of employees and students, the District shall follow the Center for Disease Control protocols when responding to infectious diseases. When receiving a complaint regarding potentially hazardous, dangerous, or infectious situations, the administrator shall notify the School Performance & Accountability office. For the purpose of taking appropriate action to resolve the aforementioned types of situations, the administrator/designee shall contact the appropriate district department (i.e Risk Management, Safety or Physical Plant Operations, etc.) or local emergency response providers (local police and fire departments).

The administrator shall inform the notifying employee of the recommendation received and the action taken.

- B. **Safety Equipment:** The Board shall provide safety glasses, lab coats and/or shop aprons for all employees assigned to subject areas where the employee is subjected to more-than-to-be-expected grease, dirt, chemicals, art materials and similar agents.

Affected employees may, through their department head, make input to their principal on the type and quality of clothing mentioned above. The principal shall make the final decision on the purchase of clothing.

- C. **School Facilities:** The Board agrees to maintain classrooms, other learning areas, and school facilities in a clean and working condition conducive to effective teaching and learning.

- D. **Bomb Threats:** In the event of a bomb threat, the worksite shall be evacuated until persons with appropriate expertise deem it to be safe. Employees shall not return to schools or other employment centers which have been evacuated due to bomb threats until clearance for such returns has been given by proper authorities. Employees shall not search for bombs.

- E. **Examining Students:** Employees shall not be required to examine students physically for the presence of any contagious diseases. Employees are encouraged to notify the administration immediately if they suspect a student of having a communicable or contagious disease.

- F. **Air Quality And Health/Safety Committee:** The Broward Teachers Union shall appoint two (2) people to serve on the district's Air Quality Committee. These representatives may bring recommendations and notifications of issues involving Indoor Air Quality to the attention of the Facilities Task Force Committee for appropriate redress. Each site's Faculty Council, or subcommittee thereof, may review health/safety/air quality issues and make recommendations addressing such issues to the site principal/ administrator. If a majority of the Faculty Council at a site is not satisfied with the principal's/administrator's response and the response of the School Performance & Accountability Office as provided in Section A above, they may request that the Labor Management Committee review the matters.

The Labor Management Committee may recommend new/modified contract language and/or school board policy addressing concerns related to health/safety issues affecting bargaining unit members.

- G. **Health/Safety Component:** Each school's School Advisory Council (SAC) shall develop a health and safety component to be included in its School Improvement Plan.
- H. **Labor/Management Meeting:** Any other concerns, not specifically covered herein regarding health and/or safety factors shall be addressed through the county-level Labor Management Committee meetings, Article Thirty, Section G.
- I. **Medical Procedures:** The district shall comply with all provisions of F.S. 1006.062, Medical Procedures. Except in case of emergency, bargaining unit members shall not be assigned responsibility for administering medical procedures or dispensing medication to students.
- J. **Tools for Schools Program:** The district shall implement the Tools for Schools Program and comply with all components of the program in at least 20 additional schools each year until all schools have implemented and comply with said components of the program. Both parties agree to educate employees, BTU stewards and school administrators on the methodologies and need to fully participate in completing surveys in order for the program to succeed. BTU will release a steward at each of the selected schools to participate in training.