

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON SEX OFFENDERS**

Under the New York State Sex Offender Registration Act, local law enforcement agencies have authority, at their discretion, to release to school districts information on sex offenders living within the community. The law also provides that when a school district receives such information, it may disclose or further disseminate such information at its discretion.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Board of Education that if a local law enforcement agency provides the district with sex offender information, the district administration may use reasonable judgment in disseminating the information to staff and persons in parental relation to students and, at the superintendent's discretion, to other groups and persons in the community who work with children.

As defined in Education Law, "persons in parental relation" to a child includes parents, guardians or other persons, whether one or more, lawfully having the care, custody or control of such child.