MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
   Charter Schools

FROM: Jacob Oliva

DATE: December 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Changes to School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)

In response to school safety data quality concerns raised by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety (MSD) Commission and the 20th Statewide Grand Jury, the MSD Commission requested a workgroup to review and propose revisions to the School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) process. The SESIR workgroup met September through November 2022, and generated recommendations for the consideration of the MSD Commission at its November 16, 2022, meeting.

These changes to SESIR impact Rule 6A-1.0014, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Comprehensive Management Information System and Rule 6A-1.0017, F.A.C., School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting and go into effect on January 17, 2023.

The changes are as follows:

Rule 6A-1.0014, F.A.C., was amended to incorporate changes to the following data elements and appendix:

- Discipline/Resultant Action Code
- Incident, Reported to Law Enforcement
- Incident, Type
- Appendix P: Definitions for Incident Reporting

Rule 6A-1.0017, F.A.C., was amended to reflect changes to SESIR incident definitions and reporting requirements to:

- Emphasize that charter schools are required to report SESIR incidents;
- Clarify outcomes for incidents that are reported to law enforcement;
- Expand the circumstances where SESIR incidents are required to be reported: regardless of whether law enforcement action was taken, whether the offender had the capacity to understand their behavior, or whether criminal charges were filed by law enforcement;
- Reinforce that incidents reportable in SESIR must not be reported as locally-defined incidents;
- Revision to 16 SESIR incident definitions: Aggravated Battery, Alcohol, Bullying, Drug Sale/Distribution, Harassment, Kidnapping, Larceny/Theft (now Grand Theft), Physical Attack (now Simple Battery), Robbery, Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, Threat/Intimidation, Tobacco, Trespassing, Vandalism (now Criminal Mischief), and Weapons Possession;

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- Revision to six SESIR-related elements: Bullying-related, Drug-related, Hazing-related, Injury-related, Vaping-related, and Weapon-related;
- Add that each district designate a SESIR contact for the district, providing contact information to the Department’s Office of Safe Schools and that each charter school designate a SESIR contact for the school, providing contact information to the district; and
- Include verification that appropriate charter school staff have received required training and that charter schools have required SESIR policies in place as part of the district’s annual SESIR certification.

The final rules are posted at:

These changes will also be reflected on the Office of Safe Schools SESIR website and will result in the publication of a new SESIR poster. Updated resources will be available at: https://www.fldoe.org/safe-schools/sesir-discipline-data/.

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