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3 **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

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5 Relations with Law Enforcement and Child Protective Agencies

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7 The staff is primarily responsible for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools. Staff
8 shall be responsible for holding students accountable for infractions of school rules, which may
9 include minor violations of the law, occurring during school hours or at school activities. When
10 there is substantial threat to the health and safety of students or others, such as in the case of
11 bomb threats, mass demonstrations with threat of violence, individual threats of substantial
12 bodily harm, trafficking or prohibited drugs, or the scheduling of events where large crowds may
13 be difficult to handle, the law enforcement agency shall be called upon for assistance.
14 Information regarding major violations of the law shall be communicated to the appropriate law
15 enforcement agency.

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17 The District will strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with the law
18 enforcement agencies. Procedures for cooperation between law enforcement, child protective
19 services, and school authorities will be established. Such procedures will be made available to
20 affected staff and will be periodically revised.

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22 County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team

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24 The District will participate in the County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety
25 Team established by the county commissioners in accordance with Section 52-2-211, MCA. This
26 team consists of county-level representatives of the Youth Court, the County Attorney, the
27 Department of Public Health and Human Services, the County Superintendent of Schools, the
28 Sheriff, the Chief of any police force, the Board of Trustees, Superintendents of the public school
29 district in the County, and the Department of Corrections.

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31 The purpose of the Team is “to facilitate the exchange and sharing of information that one or
32 more team members may be able to use in serving a child in the course of their professions and
33 occupations, including but not limited to abused or neglected children, delinquent youth, and
34 youth in need of intervention, and of information relating to issues of school safety.”

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36 The team shall adopt a written agreement for the rules under which the team will operate, the
37 method by which information will be shared, distributed, and managed and any other matters
38 necessary to the purpose and functions of the team. Any agreement created may not limit access
39 of any team member to information and any delay in or failure to finalize an agreement may not
40 be used by any member of the team to impede the timely exchange and sharing of information
41 under this policy.

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43 The Superintendent is authorized to participate in the formation of and request information from
44 the Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team regarding students in the school

1 district. The Superintendent shall utilize this authority on a regular basis to ensure the safety and
2 security of the District.

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4 Cross Reference:

5 Policy 3650 School Resource Officer
6 Policy 4313 Disruption of School Operations
7 Policy 4332 Conduct on School Property
8 Policy 4411 Investigations Conducted by School Officials

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10 Legal Reference:

11 § 20-1-206, MCA Disturbance of School – Penalty
12 § 52-2-211, MCA County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team
13 Chapter 348 (2023) School Safety Teams

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15 Policy History

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