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**Proposed Changes
Commissioner's Regulation Section 155.17
School Safety**

July 15, 2019



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Every school district or charter school that employs or contracts with:

- law enforcement or
- public or private security personnel, including school resource officers
- Must establish a written contract or memorandum of understanding (MOU) that delegates school discipline to school administration
- Must be adopted as part of the Districtwide School Safety Plan
- Effective July 1, 2019





Types of School Safety Personnel

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Personnel Characteristics	Common Titles
1. Local (municipal and county) law enforcement agency officer with sworn authority assigned to school(s)	School Resource Officer (SRO) School Safety Officer School Police School Liaison Officer
2. Security firm employee. (The school district can contract with a firm for sworn personnel with arrest powers or for civilian security)	School Security Officer Guard (armed and unarmed) Aide
3. School security officer hired directly by the school district (Arrest powers determined by state law, but typically personnel do not have the arrest powers afforded sworn law enforcement officers)	

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Must be developed with stakeholder input:

- Parents
- School administrators
- Collective bargaining units
- Community members
- Prosecutors
- Courts
- Students
- Teachers
- Parent and student organizations
- Probation officers
- Defense counsel

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- Incorporate the requirements for adoption of an MOU into the requirements of Districtwide Safety Plan
- Clarifies the dates for submission of both Districtwide and Building-Level School Safety Plans



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