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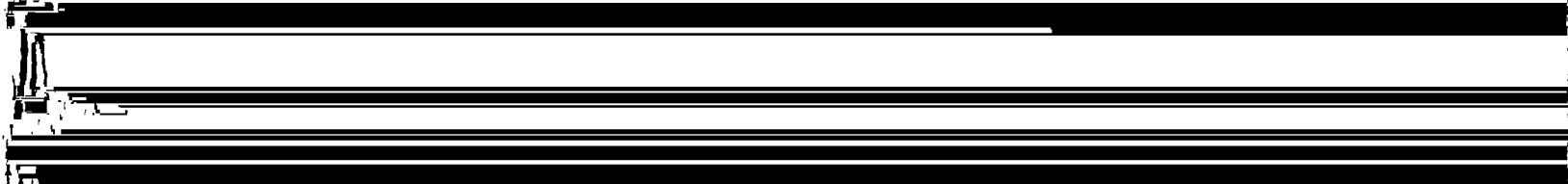
**RESCIND BOARD REPORT 02-0227-PO1  
AND ADOPT A NEW SEARCH AND SEIZURE POLICY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

February 1, 2010.

**PURPOSE:** Weapons and drugs in schools, on school grounds, and in surrounding neighborhoods

observation of the student or visitor or on information a School Official receives from a reliable third party.  
Reasonable Suspicion means, for example, from seeing suspicious shaped holes in clothing, smelling



C. Preference for Search by Sworn Law Enforcement Officers. If practical, School Officials should ask sworn law enforcement officers, such as Chicago Police Officers (assigned to the school, roving, or off-duty) or Cook County Sheriff's Department Officers employed by the Board as School Security Supervisors, to conduct Weapons Pat Downs. Law enforcement officers are trained in proper search techniques, and know how to search for weapons in a manner that minimizes the possibility of injury.

D. Gender Preference. When practical, School Officials of the same gender as the student/visitor should be assigned to ~~search students and visitors with hand held metal detecting devices to conduct~~

Weapons Pat Downs and to ask a student/visitor to remove any belt and reveal the waist band or top of the pants or skirt for visual inspection. If no School Official of the same gender as the student or visitor is immediately available, a Board employee of the same gender should witness these searches.

B. Signage and Notice. All schools with metal detectors, whether used randomly or daily, shall post

a sign outside the entrance to be used for metal-detector screenings to the effect that any person who enters the building may be subject to search.

C. Activation.

1. If the metal detector is activated by a student or visitor, a Security Employee or School Police shall summon a School Administrator to witness a search by a handheld metal detector, if a handheld

b. If the School Administrator reasonably suspects that the student is concealing something dangerous, s/he shall call the student's parent/guardian to ask the parent/guardian either to conduct the search or take the student home. A School Official shall keep the student under observation in a private area until the parent/guardian arrives.

c. If the School Administrator reasonably suspects that the student is concealing contraband that is not a danger to him/herself or another student, such as stolen money, s/he may (i) call the student's parent/guardian to ask the parent/guardian either to conduct the search or to take the student home, or (ii) end the search.

2. Visitors. If no contraband is found, but a School Administrator still reasonably suspects that a visitor is concealing contraband, s/he shall demonstrate to the visitor and may call 9-1-1.

#### Y Desk or Locker Searches

A. Authorization For Mass Desk and Locker Searches. Desks and lockers are the property of the Board and remain at all times under the Board's control. Students are permitted to use desks and lockers during school hours. The Board is not responsible for items students maintain in lockers or desks.

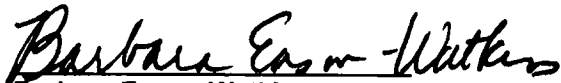
A School Administrator may authorize mass locker and/or desk searches, and may direct such searches, with or without the assistance of Security Employees or School Police. Mass locker and/or desk searches may be conducted by School Officials at any time for any reason, without notice, without student consent, and without Reasonable Suspicion.


B. Scheduling. Mass desk and/or locker searches may be performed at any time, but are best performed when no students are present, such as before school is opened, after school or on weekends.

C. Law Enforcement Assistance. A School Administrator may ask sworn law enforcement officers to use trained dogs to conduct mass desk and locker searches at times when students are not present.

Approved for Consideration:

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