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## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SECURITY**

Public school buildings and grounds are one of the greatest investments of the town. It is deemed in the best interest of the school district and town to protect the investment adequately.

Security should mean not only maintenance of a secure (locked) building, but protection from fire hazards and faulty equipment, and safe practices in the use of electrical, plumbing, and heating equipment. The School Committee expects close cooperation with fire and law enforcement departments and with insurance company inspectors.

Access to school buildings outside of regular school hours will be limited to authorized individuals and activities. An adequate entry control system will be established, which will limit access to buildings to authorized individuals and will safeguard against the chance of entrance to buildings by unauthorized individuals.

Funds and valuable records will be kept in a safe place and under lock and key.

Protective devices designed to be used as safeguards against illegal entry and vandalism will be installed when appropriate to the individual situation. Employment of security personnel may be approved in situations where special risks are involved.

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