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SUBJECT: GUN-FREE AND WEAPON-FREE SCHOOLS POLICY

General Prohibition

With the exception of law enforcement officers, no individual shall, without prior written authorization, bring onto District property, or have in his/her possession on District property, any "firearm" or "weapon" as defined herein. "District property" is defined as property owned, leased, controlled or used by or for the District, or property at which an activity or event is occurring and in which the District is participating

Firearms

For purposes of this Policy, the term "firearm" is defined as in 18 U.S.C. § 921.¹ Any student found guilty of bringing a firearm onto school property pursuant to a hearing under Education Law § 3214 will be subject to at least a one year suspension from school. However, after this penalty has been

¹ The term "firearm" means

(A) Any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;

(B) The frame or receiver of any weapon;

(C) Any firearm muffler or firearm silencer;

(D) Any destructive device.

The term "destructive device" means

(A) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, such as a bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, a missile having an explosive or incendiary charge or more than one-quarter ounce, a mine or other similar device;

(B) Any type of weapon which will, or may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter;

(C) any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in the two immediately preceding examples, and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

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determined, the Superintendent of Schools may review the penalty and may modify such on a case-by-case basis, considering, among other things:

1. the age of the student;
2. the student's grade in school;
3. the student's prior disciplinary record;
4. the Superintendent's belief that other forms of discipline may be more effective;
5. input from parents, teachers and/or others;
6. other extenuating circumstances.

Any student who brings a firearm onto District property or has a firearm in his/her possession in violation of this Policy will be referred to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system.

Weapons

For purposes of this Policy, the term "weapon" shall include any dangerous or deadly instrument which can cause death, injury or damage to a person or property including, but not limited to, a razor, stilleto, hunting knife, dagger, switchblade knife, gravity knife, pilum ballistic knife, pocket knife, swiss army knife, cane sword, chuka stick, electric dart gun, electric stun gun, kung-fu star, metal knuckles, imitation pistol (i.e., a device which looks like a pistol, both on terms of shape and color, but is not capable of becoming a firearm as defined above), bullets or other explosive devices, acid, mace or other deadly/dangerous or poisonous chemicals.

In accordance with applicable law and District policy, any student found guilty of bringing a weapon onto District property or having a weapon in his/her possession on District property will be referred to the building principal for disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension from school.