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The Board of Education of Winslow Township recognizes that it has the responsibility to make every effort to provide for the safety and welfare of its pupils. Given recent court decisions, it is necessary to recognize that age-appropriate dismissal procedures are needed to minimize risks to pupils.

The Board of Education recognizes that dangers exist for all pupils, at dismissal, as children are susceptible to numerous risks, including negligent conduct, when leaving school property. Because of the risks inherent in the dismissal of pupils from school each day, the Board recognizes the need to adopt this policy to provide for adequate supervision of all pupils after dismissal. The supervision provisions are applicable to all pupils in grades Pre-Kindergarten through twelve attending district-operated schools and programs. These provisions apply particularly to those who are not eligible for district-provided transportation after dismissal from the school day, as well as those pupils who are returned to school from bus runs where no one was present at the designated bus stop.

Pupils in any grade up to and including grade five shall not be released to walk home unless and until the pupil is released to a properly identified parent, legal guardian, or escort designated by the parent or legal guardian. The designated escort should be at least sixteen years of age, unless otherwise determined by the Building Principal. The parent(s), legal guardian(s) or escort(s) will be required to sign the pupil out of school and provide proper identification at that time.

The Board of Education shall provide for the adequate supervision of pupils extending from the time of dismissal from school until the pupil is released to the supervision of the parent, guardian, or designated escort. The supervision shall be provided by employees of the Board of Education. In cases of emergency, where a pupil is not picked up from the school within a time period designated by the Principal or program administrator, the Principal or designee will attempt to contact the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) using the information provided on the pupil's emergency information card. Additionally, the Board of Education reserves the right to assess fees for the cost of any supervision, beyond the school day; at a rate identical to the current after-school program rates.

In order to ensure the safety of other pupils being dismissed from school, in accordance with typical school dismissal protocol, to limit interaction of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated escort(s) with other pupils within the building, and to avoid traffic and vehicular safety problems outside the school building, the Principal or program administrator may prohibit the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or designated



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escort(s) from entering the school building until such time when school buses and other vehicular traffic have cleared the school site. This determination shall be made by each Principal or program administrator, in collaboration with the Superintendent, after considering the unique circumstances at the school building and the building's typical dismissal protocol.

Each Principal or program administrator will develop and implement a written Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal Plan for their school building or program location. This plan shall include the school building's or program's supervision procedures for pupils at the end of the school day, the designated area for pupils to be picked up at the end of the school day, and the manner in which pupils will be released to their parent, guardian, or escort. This plan shall be made available to the Superintendent, all staff in the building, and to all parents, and legal guardians of pupils affected by this policy.

This Policy shall be published in pupil/school handbooks. In addition, the school district shall provide to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the beginning of the school year, the school's calendar to include the starting and dismissal times for full days, early dismissal days as well as procedures and times for use during weather or other emergencies. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be required to return to the school a signed acknowledgement of receipt of the pupil/school handbook which shall include this policy and the school calendar. In addition, any changes to the school's calendar made during the school year shall also be provided to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

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