

Safe and Drug Free Question and Answer Oct. 9 and 10 Webcast

STEVE WINLOCK: What do parents need to be notified, when do parents need--when do parents need to be notified regarding their rights under the unsafe school choice option policy? I'll turn it over to Cindy.

CINDY SCHNEIDER: This policy must be communicated to all parties and reiterated to victims of violent criminal offenses and their parents.

STEVE WINLOCK: What constitutes an interest when posting signs required by the Tobacco-Free Campus policy? It sounds like a Cindy question.

CINDY SCHNEIDER: It is, it is. I'll take that one. In looking at and determining where your signs are to be posted, you would look at the logical entrance to the campus. So if, for example, if there is a field in the back and people can enter from the back field, they would first come and see the buildings for the school. You might want to have signs there. If there's a sign when visitors come on campus that says that they need to report to the office, you could then have the sign posted there. So, there's some ideas that comply with the requirement.

STEVE WINLOCK: Does the unsafe school choice option notification to parents is communicated annually in our parent handbook? Is that sufficient or do we need an additional letters sent home to families in the district? And who would like to take that question?

CINDY SCHNEIDER: I can take that.

STEVE WINLOCK: I thought it would be you, Cindy. Thank you.

CINDY SCHNEIDER: That would be fine. It can be included in the handbook and that covers the requirement that it would be communicated to everyone.

STEVE WINLOCK: What are the obligations of the district when funding allocation for program is inadequate to implement CPM requirements? Cindy?

CINDY SCHNEIDER: Well, I'd like to turn this question over to my colleague, John Lagomarsino.

STEVE WINLOCK: Hi, John. Do I need to repeat the question?

JOHN LAGOMARSINO: If you would, please.

STEVE WINLOCK: Thank you. What are the obligations of the district when funding allocation for program is inadequate to implement CPM requirements?

JOHN LAGOMARSINO: Well, the requirements in the CPM are what we refer by law. The funding sources we recognized may be limited in those respects; however, you are still required to meet those requirements. Schools do have the option of not taking those funds, thereby, releasing them of those obligations. So, it's a matter of the district to decide in which way they want to go, do they want to take the funds and still implement the program and follow all courses for all requirements of the law, or just seek to--not take the funds and release themselves from that.

STEVE WINLOCK: Most schools notify parents of a child who has been a victim of violent criminal offense and who suffers serious bodily injury of the right to transfer to a safe school upon the occurrence of this event. Is this true?

CINDY SCHNEIDER: Yes, that is true. They must keep documentations so that when we visit the site we can see the steps that the school has taken and the response by the parent or the victim--and yes, that is true.

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