Brockton Public Schools
School Committee Policy

CIVIL DISTURBANCES

The following regulations shall be followed in sequential order, if possible. The building administrator shall have the discretion to vary the order or to omit any of the suggested steps according to the situation.

1. Disorder Involving Outsiders and Trespassers
   a. Inform individuals or groups that they are trespassing, and that they are in violation of General Laws, chapter 272, Section 40 (which deals with the penalties for disruption of a school or public assembly in session). Notify School Police of the disorder and exact location by calling extension 7611 or paging 508-489-6944.
   b. If these steps do not secure order, the School Police will determine if assistance is needed from the Brockton Police Department.
   c. Until the School Police arrive, all staff members will take responsible steps to protect the welfare of their students and each other under the direction of the administrator in charge. When order is restored, the School Police will notify, if needed, the Brockton Police to inform them of the incident.

2. Disruption Caused by Students and/or Others

   Prevention

   School Administrators shall:
   a. Keep all exterior doors locked to prevent unlawful entry.
   b. Encourage a policy to exist in the school where pupils and/or parents feel free to discuss problems.
   c. Be aware of community situations and problems which may affect the school.
   d. Work closely with school councils to seek out potential problems, to identify possible troublesome issues, and to obtain assistance in solving problems.
   e. Work closely with law enforcement agencies.
   f. Provide for notification and assistance of law enforcement agencies when there is an immediate danger to staff using the above procedures.
   g. Notify School Police for immediate response to the area.
   h. Develop plans so that:
      1) You may evacuate the building or vacate classrooms if necessary;
      2) The trouble area can be contained and secured;
      3) Cancel prep periods for staff or provide for prep periods for selected staff during high-tension emergency situations;
      4) Notification can be made to teachers or custodians to secure vacant classroom doors, if deemed possible; and
      5) Notification can be made to select staff and students to assume special duties.
3. Instructions to Staff Members

   Periodically, principals should inform staff members of the following procedures to be followed:

   a. Avoid any physical confrontation, except to act in self-defense, or to protect a student or staff member.
   b. Notify the principal, assistant principal or designated administrator of the school of any disruption of class, which, in the judgment of the teacher, constitutes a civil disorder.
   c. Observe offenders for the purpose of identification later.

4. Dismissal of School

   The decision to dismiss school shall be made by the Superintendent along with the principal and the Chief of Police or his/her representative. In case the Superintendent is not available, the Senior Staff Members, following the same procedure, will make the decision for dismissal as listed below:

   a. Deputy Superintendent
   b. Senior Director of Elementary Education
   c. Senior Director of Administrative Services
   d. Senior Director of Pupil Personnel Services