EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: AUDIO AND VIDEO

SURVEILLANCE

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REPEAL: Reissuing under Operations section as new policy #826 Audio and Video Recording.

226.1. AUDIO AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

1. Purpose

One of the goals of the Board is to discourage misconduct, maintain safety and order on school property and in school vehicles, and protect and maintain the security, safety, and property of students and others.

2. Authority

The Board has determined that the use of audio and/or video surveillance can help to discourage misconduct, assist in the maintenance of safety and order on school property and aid in the identification, apprehension and possible prosecution or punishment of persons violating applicable laws and school district rules, regulations and policies.

3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 510 The use of surveillance systems shall be under the direction of the Superintendent.

4. Guidelines

Tape or other recordings from surveillance equipment shall become and remain the property of the school district and shall be maintained, used and/or destroyed under the supervision, direction, and control of school officials. Recordings shall be subject to other applicable policies of the school district, including policies concerning confidentiality of student and personnel records, and shall be subject to applicable requirements of state and federal law.

The school district shall provide proper notice to students and others that audio and/or video surveillance may occur on any school property or transportation vehicle at any time. The school district shall post written notice and provide notice in school district handbooks and parent/district newsletters.

Audio and/or video surveillance shall be used only to promote the order, safety, security, and property of students, staff and others. Recordings may be used for review of any incidents, staff and others, as evidence for disciplinary action and may be released to law enforcement officials or legal counsel for the school district for use in criminal or civil proceedings.

