Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you had time over the summer to relax and recharge. Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES’ Risk & Safety Department has restructured its service guide for 2015-2016. Many of your basic training requirements are covered by the Level I service, CoSER 698, participation. Level II services offer enhanced training and technical assistance.


**RISK & SAFETY and SERVICE PROVIDER PARTNERSHIPS**

To meet the increasing needs of school districts in the region, we have partnered with a number of highly qualified vendors. These include:

- **Louis Berger**: Industrial Hygiene and IAQ Services.
- **CPRed**: CPR training. *Programs for students available which are designed to meet the new CPR requirements.*
- **Hang Up and Drive**: Assembly programs on distracted driving.
- **Facilities Inspection Services LLC**: Fire Safety and Inspection.

**BUILDING EMERGENCY PLAN TEMPLATE**

*By Carol Sneyd, Regional Safety Technician*

As a reminder, the state has issued a new template for school emergency planning. We encourage you to begin the process of transitioning to this template, as it is expected to become mandated in the future. Start now and avoid the rush. All building level emergency plans are to be sent to info@safeschools.ny.gov. This meets the requirement that building level emergency response plans be provided to the New York State Police. Our department can assist you in this venture. We can provide an introductory presentation for your administrators or meet with representatives from your district to help with a game plan.

Contact 914-248-3854 or csneyd@pnwboces.org to schedule your meeting.
NARCAN AND SCHOOLS

By Carol Sneyd, Regional Safety Technician

The heroin epidemic has hit the Hudson Valley hard. In April of 2015, Governor Cuomo gave schools some help by providing access to Narxalone, otherwise known as Narcan. This is one tool used to prevent deaths from opioid overdose. Until recently, school nurses were not able to administer Narcan. Under new legislation, school districts may administer the drug under specific guidelines. Below are two webpages that offer guidance documents.

http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/a-zindex.cfm?subpage=367

http://www.schoolhealthservicesny.com/faq.cfm?subpage=394

UPDATES FROM FACILITIES PLANNING

The New York State Education Department publishes a Facilities Planning Newsletter packed with information that has implications for all school districts.

For example, if your district has cooling towers, the current issue includes an article you need to read. After the Legionnaires Disease outbreak in New York City, the state Department of Health issued an emergency regulation requiring the registration of cooling towers. Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES has contracted with Louis Berger to provide Level II services to our districts under CoSER 698. They are available to assist your district in meeting your responsibilities under this new regulation. Contact our office for more information and to schedule this service.


DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES

We would like to welcome Cynthia Braden who has joined us as our department’s administrative assistant. She replaces Dorothy Maro who retired this June. Cynthia has worked in the legal field for many years as a paralegal. Her contact information is: cbraden@pnwboces.org; 914-248-2456

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