

# School Closure: Arson Suspected

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## Standard 3

A school administrator is an educational leader who promotes the success of all students by ensuring management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

### **Knowledge:**

The administrator has knowledge and understanding of:

- Operational procedures at the school and district level
- Legal issues impacting school operations
- Principles and issues relating to school facilities and use of space

### **Disposition:**

The administrator believes in, values, and is committed to:

- Accepting responsibility
- Involving stakeholders in management processes
- A safe environment

### **Performance:**

- The school plant, equipment, and support systems operate safely, efficiently, and effectively
  - Potential problems and opportunities are identified
  - Effective problem-framing and problem-solving skills are used
  - Effectively communication skills are used
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### **Scenario:**

As the superintendent of the local school district you receive a telephone call at 2:30am on April 5<sup>th</sup>, that there has been a fire at one of your schools and you need to come down immediately. Upon arriving on the scene you are told that the building is a total loss and you need to make plans to inform the

students, staff, and parents about plans for finishing the school year. You reach for your cell phone and start calling staff members.

### Assignment

1. Who are you going to call?
  2. What are the legal implications that need to be addressed?
  3. Identify the potential problems and opportunities.
  4. Describe your communication plan. Who will need to be involved?
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### Scoring Guide

The following rubric, based on Standard I, is used to score all responses to this vignette: *School Closure: Arson Suspected*

#### Score 2

Response to at least three factors the superintendent should consider;

- Explains first calls and reason for making those calls
- Involves stakeholders in the process
- Accepts responsibility and begins to outline steps for creating a safe environment
- Identifies potential problems and creates a plan
- Describes the communication plan that will be used

#### Score 1

Response to at least two factors the superintendent should consider;

- Explains first calls and reason for making those calls
- Involves stakeholders in the process
- Accepts responsibility and begins to outline steps for creating a safe environment
- Identifies potential problems and creates a plan
- Describes the communication plan that will be used

#### Score 0

Responded to only one factor the superintendent should consider. Answers were vague or did not address the stated questions.