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## Health and Safety Report

<b>District</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Project #</b>
Liberty Central School District	Liberty High School & Liberty Middle School	2425-94
<b>Site Visit Date(s)</b>	<b>Investigation type</b>	<b>Investigator(s)</b>
10/10/24	Initial Fire Inspection	Gary B. Bowers II NYS DOS #B0320-0007

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## **Executive Summary**

The NYS Education Department requires a fire safety inspection to occur, every 11 months, for each public school facility for which it has issued a certificate of occupancy. A certified code enforcement officer must perform these inspections each year during the period specified by the Commissioner of Education for each zone (the schools in Sullivan County are in the Mid-Hudson Region). On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, SC BOCES Assistant Health & Safety Coordinator Gary B. Bowers II (NYS CEO# B0320-0007) performed a fire safety inspection at the Liberty Central School District's Liberty High School and Liberty Middle School, which are one contiguous building under the BEDS Codes listings. The fire inspection report can be found in the Appendix to this report. The information from these reports must be submitted through the NYSED Business Portal by a designated school employee. Once this is done the superintendent of schools must certify this submission, at which point the district can print their own 2024-25 certificates of occupancy.

## **Project Scope**

Perform a visual inspection of all school buildings and complete the fire inspection report. Included in the report to the Liberty Central School District are the inspection results and an outline of the submission process.



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## **Materials & Methods**

The fire inspection report was completed by a NYS certified code enforcement officer (#B0320-0007) pursuant to the results of the inspections. The Public School Building Fire Safety Report is prepared by the NYS Education Department, Office of Facilities Planning and available through NYSED Business Portal.

## **Results Summary**

No environmental monitoring or diagnostic testing was performed during this portion of the investigation.

## **Discussion**

According to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), fires kill more than 5,000 Americans each year (more than all natural disasters combined). In addition, over 25,000 people are injured in fires each year, and the annual property loss is estimated at \$9,000,000,000. Recognizing that fire prevention is the number one way to forestall this loss of life and property, the NYS Education Department requires a formal fire safety inspection to be conducted in every public school building in New York State once every eleven months. This inspection is to be completed by a person certified by the NYS



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Department of State as a code enforcement officer via a process prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.

### **Comments & Recommendations**

The fire safety inspection of facilities at the LCSD's Liberty High School and Liberty Middle School took place on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The fire inspection report can be found in the Appendix to this report. Information from these reports must be submitted through the NYSED Business Portal by a designated school employee. Once this is done the superintendent of schools must certify this submission, at which point the district can print their own 2024-25 certificates of occupancy.

### **References**

1. **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):** NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code. Quincy, MA: NFPA, 2003.
2. **New York State Department of State (NYSDOS):** Fire Code of NYS. Albany, NY: NYSDOS, 2002.



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# Appendix

## *Local* Public School Fire Safety Reports

### Fire Inspection Site:

Building Name: Liberty High/Liberty Middle Schools

Building Use: Education

Inspection Date: 10/10/24

Re-Inspection Required: **No**

Inspector: Gary B. Bowers II

Registration number: B0320-0007

Location	Corrective Action	Code Section	Severity	Re-inspection date
Throughout	Limit use of the rated lockdown shades to those times of lockdown drills or actual emergency, per Board policy	17C-2	Major	NA
HS Wood Shop, MS Room 217, MS Storage 1	Reduce stored flammables	9C-1	Minor	NA
HS 406 Choral Practice, HS Room 205, HS Room 118, MS Room 209, MS Room 321, MS Room 206	Remove the unrated items	14A-2	Major	NA
HS Room 207	Remove the residential hot pot	12E-1	Minor	NA
HS Room 117	Replace missing overhead light cover	6C-1	Minor	NA



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MS Short Hall, MS Boiler Rm	Ensure emergency lighting works properly	23A-1	Minor	NA
MS Gym Hall	Remove stored equipment	1A-2	Major	
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>		