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Health and Safety Report

District	Location	Project #
Liberty Central School District	White Sulfur Springs	2425-103
Site Visit Date(s)	Investigation type	Investigator(s)
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 10th, 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 White Sulfur Springs building. 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 White Sulfur Springs building took place on Thursday, October 10th, 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: White Sulfur Springs

Building Use: Pre-school

Inspection Date: 10/10/24

Re-Inspection Required: **Yes**

Inspector: Gary B. Bowers II

Registration number: B0320-0007

Location	Corrective Action	Code Section	Severity	Re-inspection date
Throughout	Ensure fire extinguishers are inspected monthly	16B-2	Major	
Throughout	Remove AC units from rescue windows	2E-2	Major	
Throughout	Remove aftermarket screens from rescue windows	2E-2	Major	
Throughout	Ensure electric panels are secured	12E-1	Minor	
Throughout	Label ONE rescue window per room only	2D-1	Minor	
Throughout	Remove the aftermarket hardware from the light switches	12G-1	Minor	
Throughout	Remove flammable materials from rated fire doors	14A-2	Major	
Gym	Remove non-rated gym mat divider wall separating Gym	17A-3	Severe	
Breakroom	Remove the unrated play hut	14A-2	Major	
Counselor's Office	Discontinue use of immediately, and remove metal gate blocking egress through rooms second exit	17A-3	Severe	
Hallways	Remove all tables, desks, chairs and open hallways for egress	17A-3	Severe	
A3	Eliminate extension cord powering fridge, plug appliance directly into wall outlets	12J-1	Minor	



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A3, A1	Ensure rescue window accessible at all times	2E-2	Major	
A3	Remove unrated flammable materials from walls	15D-2	Major	
A Wing Fire Exit	Remove flammable, seasonal display from fire exit porch area	17B-2	Major	
Total		29		