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As we found no policy on this subject in the current Augusta manual, we have included the MSMA sample language for the Board's consideration. The Board will find that it offers comprehensive language relative to the selection and use of school volunteers.

The Board may wish to discuss whether sex offender checks should be required for school volunteers who work directly with students. If the Board adopts language requiring sex offender registry checks, it should be sure that an administrative procedure is developed to implement the policy, and that school administrators or staff who have responsibilities for screening prospective volunteers are diligent and consistent in following this procedure. Information collected during this screening process should be treated as confidential to the extent allowed by law.

In any event, it is in the best interest of both children and adult volunteers to minimize the opportunity for adults to be alone with children other than their own. Practical considerations may be covered in volunteer and field trip chaperone orientations and/or comprehensive volunteer handbook. Staff should be conscious of the need to supervise the volunteers assisting them.

To minimize exposure to potential liability, we recommend that schools not allow parents who are known to be registered sex offenders to volunteer in the schools or to chaperone either school day or extended field trips, even when their own children are involved. Superintendents whose administrators encounter situations involving parents who are sex offenders are encouraged to contact MSMA or their school attorney for further advice.

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