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Health and Safety Report

| District | Location | Project # |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Liberty Central School District | Liberty High & Liberty Middle Schools | 2526-103 |
| Site Visit Date(s) | Investigation type | Investigator(s) |
| 9/26/2025 | Fire Re-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 region (the schools in Sullivan, Orange, and Ulster Counties are in the Mid-Hudson Region). On Friday, September 26th, 2025, SC BOCES Assistant Health & Safety Coordinator Gary B. Bowers II (NYS CEO #B0320-0007) performed a fire safety re-inspection at the Liberty Central School District's Liberty High and Liberty Middle School facilities. 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 may certify this submission, at which point the district can print their own 2025-26 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 LCSD are the inspection results and an outline of the submission process.

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.



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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 \$18,000,000,000. 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 Department of State as a code enforcement official through a process described by the Commissioner of Education.

Comments & Recommendations

The fire safety inspection of facilities at the LCSD's Liberty High and Liberty Middle Schools took place on Friday, September 26th, 2025. 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 2025-26 certificates of occupancy.



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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 & Middle Schools

Building Use: Education

Inspection Date: 9/26/25

Re-Inspection Required: No

Inspector: Gary B. Bowers II

Registration number: B0320-0007

| Location | Corrective Action | Code Section | Severity | Re-inspection date |
|-----------------|--|--------------|----------|--------------------|
| Rooms 208 & 110 | Reduce the amount of stored items | 6F-1 | Minor | 9/26/25 |
| | All other previous violations were resolved at the time of inspection. | | | |
| Total | | 1 | | |