TITLE: MEGAN’S LAW

1. Authority

The Board adopts this policy to affirm Wilson Area School District (“WASD”) obligation to ensure the safety of WASD students and to establish procedures in compliance with Pennsylvania Megan’s Law.

2. Guidance

1. WASD will work with area law enforcement in a manner consistent with applicable State law and Pennsylvania Department of Education Regulations to communicate the presence of a sexually violent predator, as defined by 42 Pa.C.S.A § 9792.

2. When necessary, law enforcement may give building principals written information concerning registered sexually violent predators. The decision regarding which administrators to notify rests solely with law enforcement officials who use a rating system to determine those needing to be notified according to the sexually violent predator’s dangerousness to the community.

3. WASD administration should, in turn, notify any person who, in the course of their employment, is regularly in a position to observe unauthorized persons on or near WASD property according to established procedures. Those notified could include employees such as aides, bus drivers, coaches, maintenance staff, professional support staff, school level administrative staff, security personnel, teacher’s assistants, and teachers.

4. School personnel, unless otherwise directed by law enforcement officials, shall not disseminate information about a sexually violent predator to anyone outside of WASD. Superintendent or designee may inform the press about the procedures that have been put in place and other general topics, but may not reveal the name or any other specifics regarding a sexually violent predator.

5. Unless limited by the terms and conditions of their probation or parole, a parent/guardian who is a sexually violent predator shall be allowed to attend parent-teacher conferences or any other activity that is appropriate for a parent/guardian. However, a parent/guardian who is a
sexually violent predator may not participate in or attend events with children present that are not directly supervised by professional personnel representing WASD. If the event or activity is appropriately supervised and the parent/guardian wishes to attend, they must inform the building principal to make the necessary arrangements.

6. Copies of the Megan’s Law notification from law enforcement should be kept in a secure place accessible to teachers and staff, but should not be posted on WASD bulletin boards or made available to students or members of the community at large.