

# Health, Life, Safety

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**Description:**

Oversight of construction, operation and maintenance of schools in Region #30 is done by the Regional Office of Education. Since 1915, Regional Superintendents have been charged with the duty:

*"...to inspect the building plans and specifications...of public school rooms and buildings..." (ILCS 5/3-14.20)*

*"...to inspect and survey all public schools under his or her supervision..." (ILCS 5/3-14.21)*

*"...to request the Department of Public Health, the State Fire Marshal, or the State Superintendent of Education to inspect public school buildings and temporary facilities which appear to him to be unsafe, unsanitary, or unfit for occupancy. These officials shall inspect such buildings or temporary school facilities and if, in their opinion, such buildings and temporary facilities are unsafe, unsanitary or unfit for occupancy, shall state in writing in what particular(s) they are unsafe, unsanitary, or unfit for occupancy. Upon the receipt of such statement the Regional Superintendent shall condemn the building or temporary facility and notify the school board thereof in writing and the reasons for such condemnation"... (ILCS 5/3-14.22)*

To fulfill these duties, Regional Superintendents are to utilize the "minimum standards" established by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 2-3.12 of the School Code. In 1965, Regional Superintendents were charged with the additional duty to review and approve "Safety Survey Reports" pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-3.12 of the School Code as amended. They were also

charged with duties concerning the review and approval of amounts of funds to be raised through tax levies or sale of bonds for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, handicapped accessibility, school security and specific repair purposes. (ILCS 5/2-3.12 and 5/17-2.11) The rules established relative to these duties are contained in Title 23 Part 180 of the Illinois Administrative Code, also referred to as "The Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools."

