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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Governor Meyner:

Upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education has approved the attached regulations concerning the installation of gas piping in the public schools and authorized their being made a part of the requirements of the Guide for Schoolhouse Planning and Construction.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack Kaulen".

Commissioner of Education
Secretary, State Board of Education

Honorable Robert B. Meyner
Governor of New Jersey
State House
Trenton 25, New Jersey

August 28, 1961

REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION
OF GAS PIPING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS

(Approved by State Board of Education June 7, 1961)

1. A check valve shall be installed in the line supplying gas to each classroom, laboratory, shop or other area where gas is used by students.
2. The shut-off valve at the gas meter shall be equipped with a handle or lever to permit easy operation of the valve. The OFF and ON position shall be plainly marked.
3. The gas meter and the shut-off valve shall be located so as to be conveniently accessible to building operation personnel. The valve shall be identified by an appropriate sign or tag.
4. The gas shut-off valve shall be located so that it can be reached by a person outside the building via a window, knock-out panel, door or other device to permit shutting off the gas should access from the inside of the building become impossible due to fire or other hazardous conditions. Location of gas shut-off valve shall be clearly indicated on exterior of building.
5. There shall be a shut-off valve at the street for the use of the utility company when it is desirable to shut off the gas in the school building.
6. All gas piping installations within a public school building shall be in accordance with the standards of the National Board of Fire Underwriters as set forth in Bulletin NBFU No. 54, dated August, 1959, and any subsequent amendments thereto.
7. All utility lines, including water, electricity, sewer, oil, air or other lines, at each point of entry into a school building, if below grade, shall be sleeved in a conduit and securely sealed with proper caulking to prevent the seepage into the building of gas or other fumes.
8. Gas supply lines at each point of entry into a school building shall be encased in a conduit, which conduit shall extend into a normally usable and accessible portion of the building and, at the point where the conduit terminates in the building, the space between the conduit and the gas piping shall be sealed to prevent the possible entrance of any leakage. The conduit shall extend at least 4 inches outside the building and be vented above grade. Vent pipes shall terminate outside the building at a point not less than two feet measured vertically or horizontally from any window or other building opening. The outer end of vent pipes shall terminate in a weather-proof and tamper-proof vent cap. They shall terminate sufficiently above the ground to avoid being obstructed with snow and shall be secured firmly to the building. The entire installation shall be such that the gas piping can be readily replaced without damage to the building.