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DHS-CTC Public Gathering Space Occupancy

This policy outlines usage confirmation from the Dover School District regarding public gathering space occupancy and toilet room availability for the new Dover High School/Career & Technical Center facility that was provided to NH Fire Marshal Ron Anstey and Dover Plumbing Inspector Dean Miles on January 11, 2017.

Assembly occupancy would govern spaces like the Auditorium, Town Square, Gymnasium, Alternate Gymnasium and Courtyard, where large groups of people could gather both during school and after hours. The building was designed as follows:

The facility is able to accommodate two of the assembly spaces with maximum occupancy running concurrently. The following are examples:

1. The Gymnasium could hold an event with maximum occupancy (1,872 occupants) plus the Auditorium could hold an event with maximum occupancy (853 occupants in the house plus 200 on the stage) simultaneously; or
2. The Gymnasium (1,872) plus the Alternate Gymnasium (514 occupants) simultaneously; or
3. The Alternate Gymnasium (514 occupants) plus the Auditorium (853 + 200 occupants) simultaneously.

The Town Square in its central location was designed to be used as a lobby space when the Gymnasium and/or Auditorium is used for events. Because of this, it cannot and will not be used as a separate assembly space when those spaces are hosting events.

As noted above, the District will not use all public gathering spaces simultaneously (Auditorium, both Gymnasiums, Town Square and Courtyard). The District commits to opening parts of the building while maintaining security if multiple spaces are being used at approved fire capacity to provide adequate toilet room access.

The letter sent to Mr. Anstey and Mr. Miles is on file with the Joint Building Committee and at the School Administrative Unit office.