VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL

Crisis Management Policy

I. Purpose and Philosophy

The Governing Board (the "Board") for Vista Charter School recognizes that effective learning and teaching take place in a safe, secure, and welcoming environment. Safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement, and sustained community support. The Board further acknowledges the necessity of preparing a School Response Framework to adequately prepare school personnel, parents, and the community to respond appropriately to a crisis that involves the school community.

II. Adoption of National Standards

As an important component of school safety planning, the Board formally adopts the following standards as applicable to schools:

- **National Response Framework (NRF):** To ensure alignment with national preparedness and response protocols.
- **National Incident Management System (NIMS):** To provide a consistent template for managing incidents regardless of cause, size, or complexity.
- **Incident Command System (ICS):** Vista Charter School will institutionalize the ICS to ensure all responders use common language and processes when responding to a school emergency.

III. Implementation and Plan Maintenance

The Board directs the Executive Director (or designee) to develop, implement, and maintain a **School Safety, Readiness, and Incident Management Plan** (the "Safety Plan"). This plan shall:

- Include, to the extent possible, emergency communications protocols that coordinate with any statewide or local emergency operation plans already in place.
- Incorporate the requirements of state law and CSI Board Policy.
- Be reviewed and updated at least annually to reflect current best practices and personnel changes.

IV. Community Coordination

To the extent possible, the Safety Plan shall be developed and maintained in conjunction with local Montrose community partners, including fire departments, law enforcement agencies, emergency medical service personnel, mental health organizations, and local public health agencies. This collaborative approach ensures overall alignment and compliance with regional safety standards.

V. Regulatory Compliance

Vista Charter School is committed to maintaining compliance with the requirements set forth in **C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(4)**. The school shall continue to take all necessary steps to remain in compliance with Colorado state law and the chartering authority's safety mandates.

Legal and Policy References:

C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(4) - School Safety and Crisis Management

C.R.S. 22-30.5-503.5 - Colorado Charter School Institute

CSI Board Safe Schools Policy

CSI Safety Policy Supplement

Board President Signature: Date:

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