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To: Interested Parties

Subject:

Standards Council Decision (Final):	D#19-18
Standards Council Agenda Item:	SC#19-8-30-d
Date of Decision:	6 August 2019
TIA No. 1436 on NFPA 101 [®] , <i>Life Safety Code</i> [®] , 2018 Edition	

Dear Interested Parties:

At its meeting of August 5-7, 2019, the Standards Council considered an appeal on the above referenced matter. The Council's Final decision is now available and is attached herewith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dawn Michele Bellis", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Dawn Michele Bellis
Secretary, NFPA Standards Council

cc: S. Everett, S. Gallagher, L. Fuller, G. Harrington, R. Solomon
Members, TC on Educational and Day-Care Occupancies (SAF-END)
Members, CC on Safety to Life (SAF-AAC)
Members, NFPA Standards Council (AAD-AAA)
Individuals Providing Appeal Commentary

*NOTE: Participants in NFPA's standards development process should know that limited review of this decision may be sought from the NFPA Board of Directors. For the rules describing the available review and the method for petitioning the Board for review, please consult section 1-7 of the Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards and the NFPA Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council. Notice of the intent to file such a petition must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Directors within 15 calendar days of the publication date of this Decision.



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SUMMARY OF ACTION (for convenience only; not part of official decision): The Standards Council voted to deny the appeal to overturn the Technical Committee Action concerning the issuance of TIA No. 1436.

DECISION:

At its meeting of August 5-7, 2019, the Standards Council considered an appeal from John Woestman of Kellen Company, representing Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association. The appeal requests that the Standards Council overturn the Technical Committee Action and not issue TIA No. 1436 on NFPA 101[®], *Life Safety Code*[®], 2018 Edition. Specifically, the appeal requests that the Standard Council not issue TIA No. 1436 which seeks to permit two non-simultaneous releasing operations on classroom doors.

As background, TIA No. 1436 was balloted through the Technical Committee on Educational and Day-Care Occupancies (TC) and the Correlating Committee on Safety to Life (CC) in accordance with the *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards (Regs)*, to determine whether the necessary three-fourths majority support was achieved on technical merit, correlation, and emergency nature required to establish recommendation for issuance. The ballot passed the TC on technical merit and emergency nature, and passed the CC on correlation and emergency nature.

When a TIA achieves the recommendation of the responsible committees, as in the present case, the resulting recommendation of the standards development process is to issue the TIA.

On appeal, the Council accords great respect and deference to the NFPA standards development process. In conducting its review, the Council will overturn the results of that process only where a clear and substantial basis for doing so is demonstrated.

The Council has reviewed the entire record concerning this matter and has considered all the arguments put forth in this appeal. In the view of the Council, this appeal does not present any clear and substantial basis upon which to overturn the results yielded by the NFPA standards development process. Accordingly, the Council has voted to deny the appeal. The effect of this action is that NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, 2018 Edition, will include the text of TIA No. 1436.

Council Members Ken Bush, James Quiter, and Rodger Reiswig recused themselves from the deliberations and vote on the appeal.



Tentative Interim Amendment

NFPA[®] 101[®]

Life Safety Code[®]

2018 Edition

Reference: 15.2.2.2.4(3)(new)

TIA 18-12

(SC 19-8-30 / TIA Log #1436)

Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 101[®], *Life Safety Code*[®], 2018 edition. The TIA was processed by the Technical Committee on Educational and Day-Care Occupancies, and the Correlating Committee on Safety to Life, and was issued by the Standards Council on August 6, 2019, with an effective date of August 26, 2019.

A Tentative Interim Amendment is tentative because it has not been processed through the entire standards development procedures. It is interim because it is effective only between editions of the standard. A TIA automatically becomes a public input of the proponent for the next edition of the standard; as such, it then is subject to all of the procedures of the standards development process.

1. Add new item 15.2.2.2.4(3) and renumber subsequent items to read as follows:

15.2.2.2.4* Classroom Door Locking to Prevent Unwanted Entry. Classroom doors shall be permitted to be locked to prevent unwanted entry provided that the locking means is approved and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The locking means shall be capable of being engaged without opening the door.

(2) The unlocking and unlatching from the classroom side of the door can be accomplished without the use of a key, tool, or special knowledge or effort.

(3) Two non-simultaneous releasing operations shall be permitted.

~~(34)~~ The releasing mechanisms for unlocking and unlatching shall be located at a height not less than 34 in. (865 mm) and not exceeding 48 in. (1220 mm) above the finished floor.

~~(45)~~ Locks, if remotely engaged, shall be unlockable from the classroom side of the door without the use of a key, tool, or special knowledge or effort.

~~(56)~~ The door shall be capable of being unlocked and opened from outside the room with the necessary key or other credential.

~~(67)~~ The locking means shall not modify the door closer, panic hardware, or fire exit hardware.

~~(78)~~ Modifications to fire door assemblies, including door hardware, shall be in accordance with NFPA 80.

~~(89)~~ The emergency action plan, required by 15.7.1, shall address the use of the locking and unlocking means from within and outside the room.

(910) Staff shall be drilled in the engagement and release of the locking means, from within and outside the room, as part of the emergency egress drills required by 15.7.2.

Issue Date: August 6, 2019

Effective Date: August 26, 2019

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