

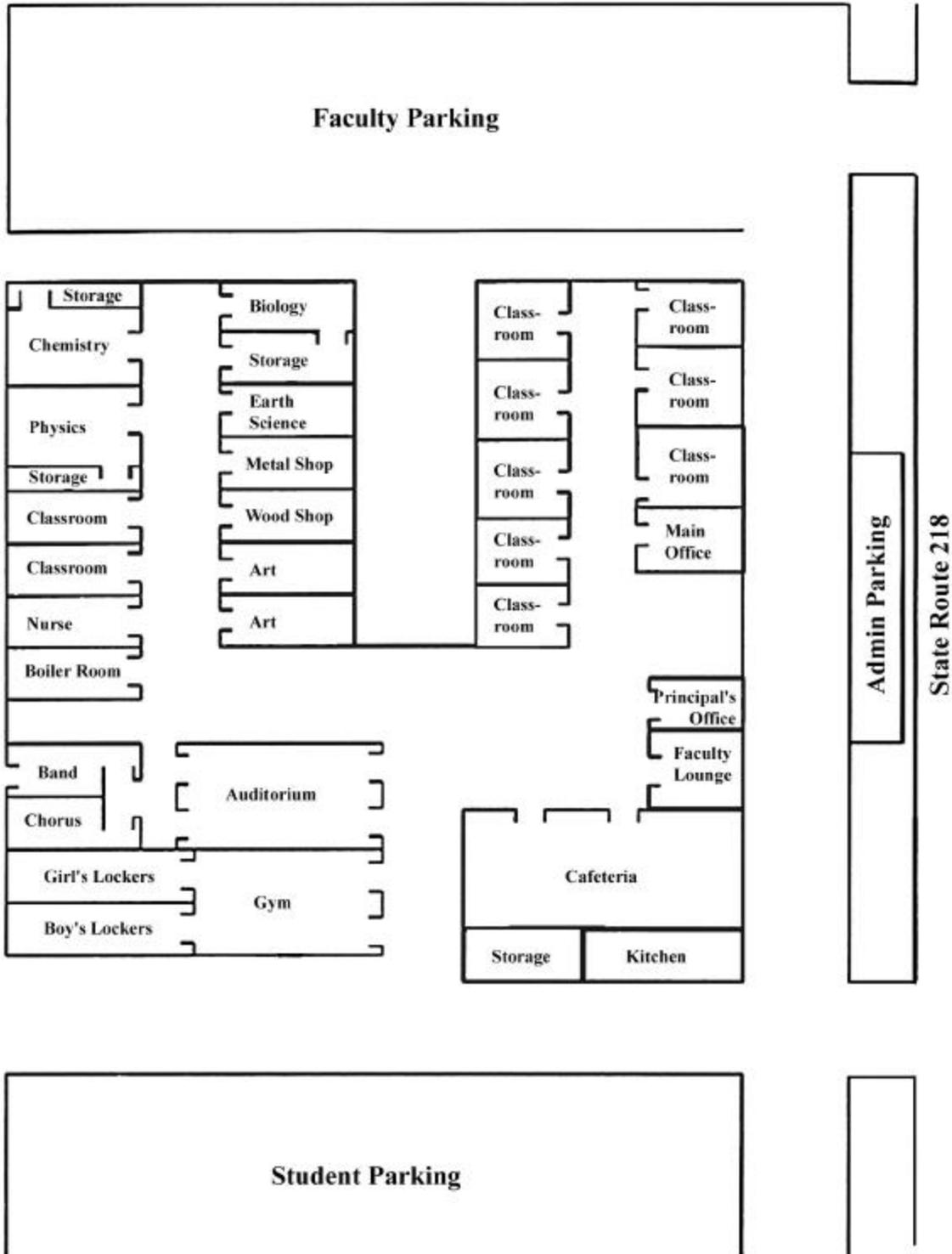
## **FIRE AND EXPLOSION SCENARIO**

It is November and a cold rain is falling. The temperature is 34 degrees and the wind is blowing at 18 miles per hour from the northwest. At 10:15 a.m., the science area of the high school is rocked by an explosion. Immediately, the sprinkler system activates and, within a minute, someone activates the fire alarm. For the most part, teachers begin an orderly evacuation of the school but, because everyone knows that, this time, it is not a drill, tensions are high and some students begin pushing to get to the school doors.

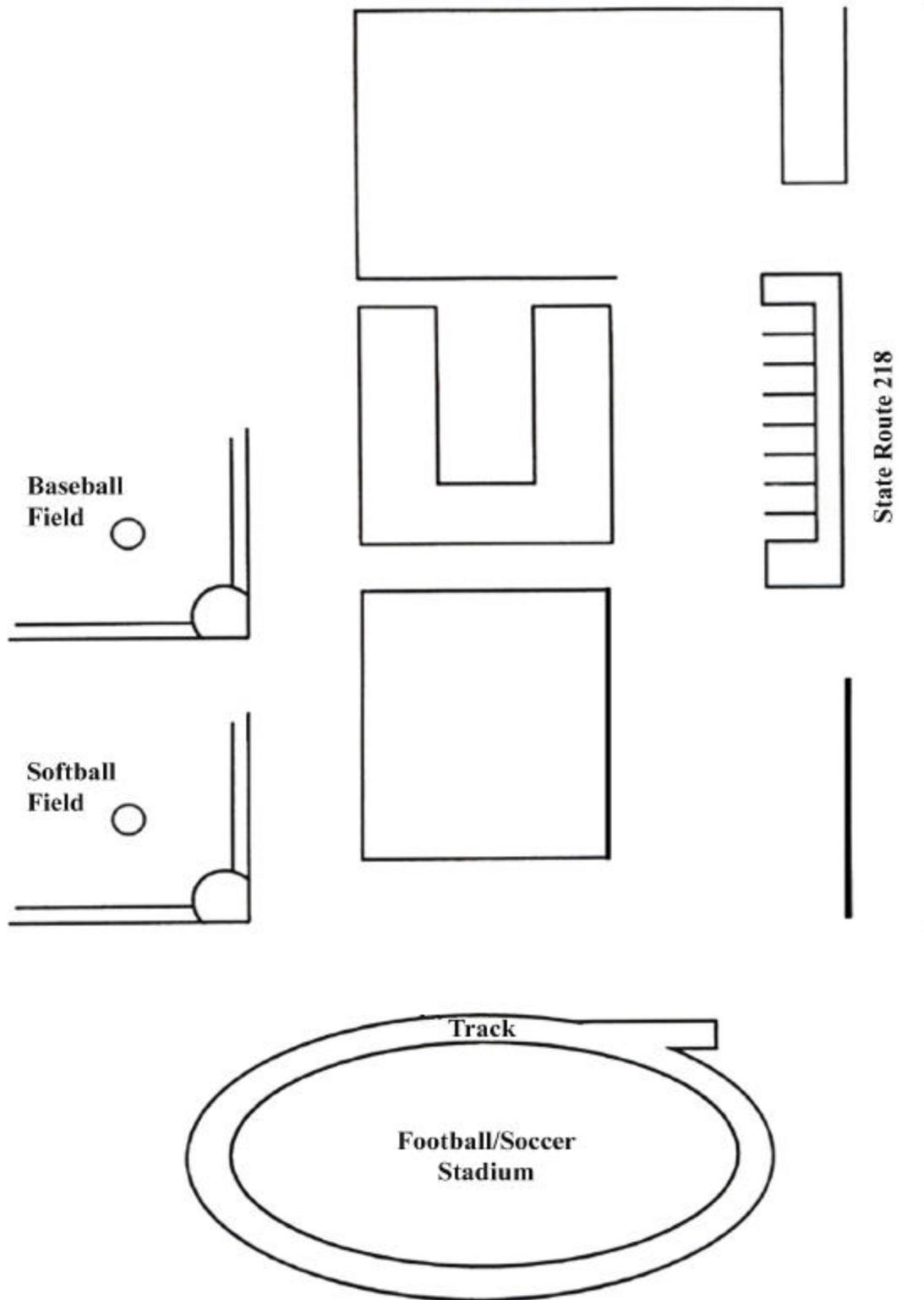
Because no one had time to get their belongings—and because the school has a policy that prohibits the wearing of outdoor coats in the classroom, those students, teachers, and staff who evacuate quickly become soaked. There is no shelter in the immediate area of the school. Some students begin walking toward a stand of trees outside the assembly area at the far back corner of the property. Others who live within walking distance begin walking toward home.

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### **Scenario Questions (Continued)**

5. For what contingencies should you plan?







## **FIRE AND EXPLOSION SCENARIO UPDATE #2 (CONTINUED)**

3. For what long-term contingencies should you plan?

4. How can you prepare to deal with the inevitable questions from the media?

