



REPORTING ABUSE

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board deplores that child abuse and any other form of abuse exists. The Board also recognizes the need to eliminate child abuse and any other form of abuse from our society.

Further, the Northeastern Catholic District School Board recognizes that the school system can be a vital force in the identification and prevention of child abuse and any other form of abuse.

The Board is aware that its personnel, by law, must report suspected child abuse.

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board will direct its school personnel to identify and report, to the Children's Aid Society, suspected cases of child abuse.

In addition, the Northeastern Catholic District School Board is to utilize the protocol guidelines formulated through the cooperative effort of the former Timmins DRCSS Board, the Children's Aid Society and the Timmins Police Service. The protocol guidelines include procedures to follow when faced with:

1. Allegation of Child Abuse - Occurring Out of School
2. Allegation of Child Abuse by Staff Member on a Student
3. Allegation of a Student Assaulting a Staff Member

References:

The Child & Family Services Act

The Criminal Code of Canada

The Education Act of Ontario, & Regulations

The Ontario Teachers' Federation Regulations

The Young Offenders' Act

Timmins District Roman Catholic Separate School Board's Child Abuse Policy

POLICY REGULATIONS

See Administrative Procedures APE 005 Reporting Abuse - Student/Staff Guidelines)