



DISTRICT PRACTICE 10350

SAFE SCHOOLS

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The Board of Education “Board”, School District staff, principals and school staff will work with parents/guardians, students, and the school community to:

1. Develop positive school cultures and focus on prevention.
2. Use school-wide efforts to build “community” fostering respect, inclusion, fairness and equity.
3. Foster trauma sensitive schools and apply a trauma-informed lens to student behavior.
4. Set, communicate and consistently reinforce clear expectations of conduct.
5. Teach, model, and encourage positive social behaviours that contribute to the school community, solve problems in peaceful ways, value diversity and defend human rights.
6. Assume responsibility, in partnership with the wider community, for resolving critical safety concerns.
7. Develop multi-disciplinary (multi-agency) community protocols for violence threat or risk assessment.
8. Work together to better understand issues such as bullying, intimidation, harassment, discrimination, racism, sexism and homophobia, and other worrisome behaviours and to learn new skills to respond effectively to them.
9. Respond consistently to incidents in a fair and reasoned manner, using interventions that repair harm, strengthen relationships, and restore a sense of belonging.
10. Participate in the development of policies, procedures, and practices that promote school safety, including all hazards emergency preparedness.
11. Engage in continuous learning and professional development to foster safe school communities and address emerging safety concerns.
12. Monitor and evaluate school culture for evidence of continuous improvement.
13. Recognize and celebrate achievements, while acknowledging areas that need improvement.

The Board of Education will use the following to address efforts to achieve safe and caring schools:

1. District Codes of Conduct for Students
2. School Codes of Conduct for Students
3. Ministry of Education Safe Caring and Orderly Schools: A Guide
4. Violent Threat Risk Assessment Protocols (VTRA)
5. Expect Respect and a Safe Education Protocol (ERASE)

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