

**1310 Child Protection Policy**

The Board of Education supports a comprehensive, coordinated and collaborative approach for responding to child abuse and neglect which will include:

- a) providing child abuse prevention programs to students;
- b) providing school officials, employees and other persons working in schools with training in recognizing signs of child abuse and neglect;
- c) providing school officials, employees and other persons working in schools with direction and training on their legal obligation to report child abuse and neglect to:
  - i. a Child Welfare Worker under the Child, Family and Community Service Act;
  - ii. the RCMP where the child is in immediate danger; and
  - iii. school officials;
- d) requiring school officials to investigate and/or report to the RCMP allegations of child abuse involving current and former Board employees, volunteers, or contract service providers;
- e) establishing a child abuse/neglect reporting and investigation protocol with other responsible agencies, to identify the roles and responsibilities of school officials and personnel from other agencies in responding to allegations of child abuse or neglect; and
- f) providing assistance to victims of child abuse and neglect by counselling and referrals to other agencies, as appropriate.

**Related Policies and Regulations:**

**1310-10 Child Protection / Child Neglect and Abuse Regulation**