

## **Policy: Duty to Report Children in Need of Protection**

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- 1.1 The Superior North Catholic District School Board values the presence of God in each person and provides an inclusive Catholic culture that instills compassion, hope, integrity, faithfulness, respect, and self-worth.
- 1.2 Superior North Catholic District School Board is committed to maintaining safe and caring learning environments for students. From time to time, situations may occur where child abuse, neglect, or, maltreatment is suspected.
- 1.3 The Superior North Catholic District School Board ensures that all staff members are aware of, and understand, the relevant sections of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, particularly the requirement to report suspected cases of children in need of protection.
- 1.4 The Superior North Catholic District School Board confirms that school board policies and procedures on reporting suspected cases of children in need of protection conform with the provisions of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act.

## References

• Ministry of Education Policy and Program Memorandum No. 9 "Reporting of Children in Need of Protection"

- Child and Family Services Act, 2017 (CFSA)
- Student Protection Act 2002 (SPA)
- Ontario College of Teachers Act 2002 (OCTA)
- Administrative Procedure: Keeping Students Safe: Anti-Sex Trafficking

## **Approval and Review Dates**

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