



## MOOSONEE DISTRICT SCHOOL AREA BOARD

### BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICY

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## VANDALISM

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### 1. PURPOSE

Moosonee District School Area Board is committed to preventing and reducing vandalism in the school and on Board property. This policy sets out Board expectations to ensure a safe and secure environment that protects the property of the Board.

### 2. DEFINITION

**Vandalism:** Vandalism means the deliberate damage or defacement of property including buildings, grounds, equipment, supplies, and electronic information resources.

### 3. POLICY

- 3.1 Everyone present in the school or on the property of Moosonee District School Area Board must respect Board property.
- 3.2 It is the policy of Moosonee District School Area Board that all persons involved in vandalism or in break and enter incidents on Board property will be charged accordingly.
- 3.3 If the perpetrator of vandalism is an adult, the individual will be responsible for payment of the damages and will be charged.
- 3.4 Students must respect school property, including lockers, desks, and textbooks. Any student involved in acts of vandalism, including graffiti and tagging, will be subject to disciplinary action and may be charged by the police. Parents will be required to make financial retribution for any damage.

### 4. BOARD EXPECTATIONS

- 4.1 The Board expects the staff, students, and parents to work together to maintain safety and security on Board property. Any incidents at the school shall be reported to the principal or designate.
- 4.2 The principal or designate will immediately report serious occurrences of vandalism such as graffiti and glass breakage to the police.

- 4.3 If property has been deliberately or negligently damaged or destroyed by a student, and the student has been clearly identified, the principal must immediately inform the parents or guardians of the student in writing:
- a) that the incident occurred, and
  - b) that they will receive a claim for restitution when the costs of repair and/or replacement have been determined.
- 4.4 Under Section 306 of the *Education Act*, a student may be suspended for “committing an act of vandalism that causes extensive damage to school property at the pupil’s school or to property located on the premises of the pupil’s school”.
- 4.5 The principal or designate will request that business services provide an estimate of the cost to repair or replace the damage in order to inform the parents or guardians of the required restitution.
- 4.6 The principal or designate will arrange for the repair of all vandalism damage in the school as soon as practicable.

## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

### **Legal:**

*Education Act, Section 306: Activities Leading to Possible Suspension*

Ontario Regulation 298 Operation of Schools: Section 11 (3) (l) Duties of Principals—

Compensation from Parent for Pupil Damage to School Property

Ontario Regulation 474/00 Access to School Premises

The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct

### **Board:**

Board Policy GOV-08 Safe Schools

Board Policy GOV-09 Safe Schools: School Code of Conduct

Board Policy GOV-17 Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Discipline

Board Policy GOV-21 Access to School Premises

Administrative Procedure 378 Student Discipline: Suspension

Administrative Procedure 379 Student Discipline: Expulsion

Police/School Board Protocol