Gulf Islands School District A Community of Learners

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

POLICY 205 Maintenance of Order

"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability, Involve community"

Section: Learning and Working Environment

Dates of Revisions: Date of Adoption and

Resolution Number: June 13, 2018 -76/18

Rationale:

The School District No. 64 Board of Education recognizes its responsibility under the School Act to ensure that school learning and working environments are safe, caring, orderly and secure. School Act section 177 addresses the preservation of order on school premises, prevents the disruption of schools and school functions, and ensures the protection of students, staff, members of the school community and district property. It provides authority to district senior administration,, principals, vice principals and other designated individuals to ensure the orderly operation of schools and school programs and functions.

Section 177 creates two offences: (1) it is an offence for a person to "disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school or an official school function"; and (2) it creates an offence for failing to follow a direction of a principal, other school administrator or person authorized by the Board to direct a person to leave school property, and to not return without prior approval of the principal, administrator or other designated person. It also enables the principal or administrator to call for assistance from law enforcement if necessary.

Policy:

The Board of Education authorizes district and school administrators and their designates to make orders to prevent and address any disturbance, disruption or interruption of a school, pursuant to section 177 of the School Act, and in accordance with established procedures..

Reference:

- School Act s. 177
- Provincial Guidelines on the Maintenance of Order under section 177 of the School Act)
- Policy 203, Procedures 203, 205.