Gulf Islands School District A Community of Learners

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

POLICY 300 Health and Safety

"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability, Involve community"

Section: Health and Safety

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Rationale:

The School District No. 64 Board of Education believes that:

- a. students are most likely to succeed when they are healthy and safe.
- b. the effectiveness of its employees is the most important factor influencing the quality of education provided to district students, and that this depends on employee health and safety; and that
- c. a fair, collaborative, inclusive and respectful workplace is a critical prerequisite to the Board's commitment to delivering high quality public education and cultivating a reputation of excellence.

Because the health, safety and welfare of all students and employees is of primary concern, the board commits to providing and sustaining healthy and safe learning and working environments.

Policy:

- 1. The board, in accordance with its overall policy on student and employee health and safety, has adopted and will support standards, procedures and practices that are in compliance with, but not limited to, legal and regulatory requirements, in order to
 - a. adhere to Ministry of Education guidelines with respect to safe, caring and orderly schools;
 - b. prevent accidents and injury;
 - c. ensure appropriate responses in emergency situations; and that

- 2. The board will partner with other community agencies including fire, public health and police departments, as a natural extension of work they do in the greater community, to
 - a. develop crisis-management procedures;
 - b. conduct health, safety and security assessments;
 - c. provide health-related services to students and staff; and
 - d. make educational resources available to employees and classrooms.
- 3. Schools will, with reference to district policy and procedure, establish safety procedures specific to their own circumstances, bring these to the attention of students, employees and others, and continually review and revise these to ensure awareness and appropriate responses.

References:

- BC Ministry of Education. Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools: The BC Safe Schools Strategy
- WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Regulations Sections 3.14 to 3.21.
- Policy and Procedure 355