

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

## POLICY 3050 Emergency Management and Response

"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability, Involve community"

Section: Health and Safety

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## **Rationale:**

"Emergencies are unpredictable. We usually have little warning that an event or series of events may cause a massive disruption in our lives and our communities. As one of the major areas in which people gather, schools are places where emergency preparedness is critically important to the wellbeing of students and employees and to the confidence that parents feel in entrusting their children to the care of educators in BC schools." <sup>1</sup>

## **Policy:**

The School District No. 64 Board of Education recognises the critical importance of establishing and maintaining safe learning and working environments, and of coordinated planning and preparation for, and ensuring appropriate responses to, emergency situations.

The board will work closely with parents and district partner groups to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff during emergencies; and to ensure the district's responses to emergency situations are coordinated with those of other community agencies.

School principals will ensure that there is a school emergency plan in place: that students and staff are made aware of different emergencies that may impact the district and its school communities; made aware of appropriate ways to plan and prepare; and trained in ways to respond appropriately during and after the event.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> British Columbia: Emergency Management Planning Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities (PDF)