

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

The Board recognizes that because of school employees' sustained contact with school-age children, they are in an excellent position to identify abused or neglected children and refer them for treatment and protection.

Therefore, in accordance with reporting requirements of the Child Protection Act, any school employee who suspects that a child's physical or mental health or welfare may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect shall report this to the Principal who shall report the case to the Department of Social Services.

School employees and officials shall not contact the child's family or any other persons to determine the cause of the suspected abuse or neglect.

It is not the responsibility of the school official or employee to prove that the child has been abused or neglected.

Employees who make a report of suspected child abuse in good faith or while performing their official duties in response to such a report, or participating in a judicial proceeding resulting from their report, shall be immune from liability, civil or criminal that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

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