



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.10 (ARROW LAKES) POLICY MANUAL

### 330 – Child and Youth Protection

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#### 1.0 General

- 1.1 The Board of Education recognizes that the health and welfare of a child or youth is an important element which affects the student's experience and achievement at school.
- 1.2 The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and caring environment which is conducive to learning and the development of positive interpersonal interactions among students, staff, parents and the community.

#### 2.0 Duty to Report

- 2.1 The *Child, Family and Community Service Act* makes it a legal duty (CFCSA s.14) of every person who has reason to believe that a child or youth needs protection as defined in the *Act* (SFCSA s.13) to report the matter to a Child Protection Worker.

#### 3.0 Collaborative, Coordinated Child and Youth Protection Planning and Response

- 3.1 There is a shared responsibility on the part of all adults to be alert to signs of abuse or neglect in children and youth and recognize and appropriately address disclosures and/or suspected abuse and neglect.
- 3.2 The Board supports a coordinated and collaborative approach to planning and responding to reports of child and youth abuse or neglect with community partners including the School District, the RCMP and the Ministry of Children and Family Development.
- 3.3 The Board is committed to ensuring all staff annually review their duty to report suspected abuse and neglect.