

## **Changes to the School District Code of Conduct Policy**

### **Objective**

- The objective of the policy has been reworked to stress that this policy is about expectations of behaviour from all stakeholders. The reference to schools' code of conduct has been removed as schools will follow the District's Code of Conduct.

### **Definitions**

- Definitions associated with prohibited conduct in schools have been added to the proposed policy (E.g. 2.3, 2.6, 2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.16, 2.20, 2.21, 2.22, 2.23)
- Human rights-related definitions have been added, such as 2.7 and 2.16.
- The definition of fighting (Section 2.9) has been added to clarify confusion between fighting and bullying (one of the consultation themes).

### **Policy/Guiding Principles**

- Content regarding the use of cell phone use in the current policy has been moved to Section 6.0 Standards of Conduct for Students in the proposed policy (Section 6.3 and 6.4).
- Guiding principles pertaining to bullying and discrimination in the proposed policy is originally in the guiding principles of the current Safe Schools Policy.

### **Specific Directives**

- The proposed policy separates the conduct expectations of the OCDSB Community' from the students', parents/guardians/caregivers', and employees'.
- A "Response to Misconduct" section has been added to each section stipulating conduct expectations. (Sections 5.24-5.27, 6.13-6.14 & 8.3)
- The majority of the language used in the current and proposed policy is dictated by [the Ministry's PPM 128](#) The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct.
- The proposed policy focuses on reducing the interruptions to students' learning as much as possible where interventions are necessary to address breaches (E.g. Section 6.6)
- Directives specific to dress code have been added to the proposed policy (Sections 6.7-6.12) amalgamating what is relevant from the current [P.104.SCO Student Dress Code](#) recommending this standalone policy to be rescinded.
- Schools are no longer required to develop their own dress code (one of the consultation themes) and are now required to consult with the SOI and/or System Principal for Safe Schools should they believe a disciplinary action is required to address a violation of the District's code of conduct.