



POLICY: EBC EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

REGULATION:

EXHIBIT:

The Board shall cooperate fully with the Emergency Measures Organization in plans for coping with local emergencies. The Board shall provide for and support an Emergency Operations Centre equipped with an adequate communications systems and staffed as per attached organizational chart.

The Seine River School Division, in the interests of providing for the physical well-being of occupants, shall support an emergency preparedness program which includes emergency planning, training and education. The purpose of this program is to plan for the immediate physical safety of occupants in the event of natural or man-made emergencies and disasters.

Since an emergency, by its very nature, is not predictable as to time, place, or precise events, plans and personnel must be readied in advance. Therefore, plans are to be established in each school to meet emergencies or disasters which are threatening to the student body and staff. These plans should be specific enough to provide direction for immediate action but, at the same time, flexible enough to allow for adjustment in unexpected situations.

In general terms, the intent of this policy and the procedural guidelines are to require that students and staff be familiarized with the kind of procedures that they should follow in an emergency and be trained to perform duties expected of them. In conjunction with this training, the potential types of emergencies that could affect the school and community should be integrated into the existing educational programs when such inclusion is possible. As well, it is important that parents be informed of the school's plans for taking care of the students and the need for the support of parents in implementing the emergency preparedness program.

Should the circumstances be such that they affect the safety and physical well-being of the students of more than one school, the Superintendent shall be responsible for the coordination of emergency measures taken by the schools. The principal shall, in this instance, assume the responsibility for coordinating and supervising the safety measures within the particular school under his/her jurisdiction.

Direct communication with parents of each school may be handled through the principal's office. Communication through the public media shall be the responsibility of the Seine River Emergency Planning Centre personnel.

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OTHER REFERENCE: