

CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Reporting Children in Need of Protection

All allegations of child harm and maltreatment must be taken very seriously.

Reports of child maltreatment should proceed on the assumption that a child's or youth's disclosure warrants full consideration for assessment and/or investigation and should be reported to the Durham Children's Aid Society (DCAS) or Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag CFS (DBCFS) without delay.

Duty to Report - A Board employee or volunteer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a student **is suffering or is at risk** of suffering physical, emotional, sexual harm and/or maltreatment.

(Child Youth and Family Services Act, subsection 125(1), 2017)

Ongoing Duty to Report – A Board employee or volunteer has made a report about a student to the DCAS or Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag CFS and has **additional** reasonable grounds to suspect that a student **is suffering or is at risk** of suffering physical, emotional, sexual harm and/or maltreatment.

(Child Youth and Family Services Act, subsection 125(2), 2017)

STUDENT AGE

Under 16

If the student is under 16, you **must** report **immediately** and **directly** to DCAS or Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag CFS.

16 - 17

If the student is 16 or 17, you **will** report **immediately** and **directly** to DCAS or Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag CFS.

18+

If a student is 18+ and under the care or supervision of a Society (by way of Child Welfare Court order) or if a student is 18+ and there is reasonable grounds to suspect such student has been or is being maltreated, and such suspicion in turn gives rise to reasonable grounds to suspect other children may be at risk (including younger siblings and other children), you **must** report **immediately** and **directly** to DCAS or Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag CFS.



Student Protection Form (Protocol, 2018 Appendix C) is completed when report is being made to DCAS or Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag CFS.

The completed form is sent to the Chief Social Worker to be scanned into clinical records.

Board employees **must** cooperate with the Society in the course of the investigation, ie. facilitate interviews with students on school premise, provide information pertinent to the investigation and documentation when required under legislation, ensure timely communication.

Removal of Student from School Premises by the DCAS or Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag CFS Form (Protocol, 2018, Appendix D) is completed when a student is taken from school to a place of safety by DCAS or Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag CFS. The completed form is sent to the Chief Social Worker to be scanned into clinical records.

For step by step guidance, please refer to the Durham DSBs and Children's Aid Societies Protocol 2018, Section 2 – Reporting Guidelines, B – How To Report