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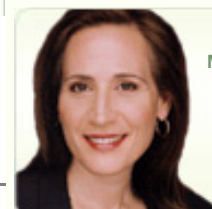

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POLICIES ON VIOLENCE
PREVENTION IN
SCHOOLS**

Application: Chairpersons of School
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Note: Please share the information in this memorandum with all school board personnel.

Introduction

The Ministry of Education and Training is committed to ensuring that schools are violence free so that students may have safe learning environments in which to reach their full potential.

In November 1993, the Minister of Education and Training announced an action plan to address the issue of violence in schools. In this action plan, ten initiatives were identified that were to be launched immediately. Two of the initiatives referred to policy directions to school boards - one on the development of violence-prevention policies and the other on the reporting of violent incidents to the police and the ministry and on the recording of violent incidents.

The Policy Document on Violence Prevention

The document *Violence-Free Schools Policy* is a directive intended for school boards. It outlines the process for developing a violence-prevention policy and the mandatory components of the policy. The document also



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follow for the reporting of violent incidents to the police and the ministry and for the recording of such incidents in the Ontario Student Record (OSR).

The ministry is aware that school boards are at different stages in developing policies on violence prevention and procedures for reporting and recording violent incidents. School boards and minority-language sections that have related policies already in place shall review and revise their policies to ensure that they are in keeping with *Violence-Free Schools Policy*.

Community Involvement

School boards' violence-prevention policies shall be developed in collaboration with a wide range of community partners – for example, parents, students, educators, police, and representatives from social agencies – and shall take into account the policies on antiracism and ethnocultural equity that school boards are developing.

Approval of Policies and Implementation Plans

School boards and minority-language sections shall submit their violence-prevention policies and implementation plans to the

appropriate regional office of the Ministry of Education and Training no later than June 30, 1995. The ministry will review the policies and plans to ensure that they are in keeping with *Violence-Free Schools Policy*. Policies must be implemented or in place no later than September 1995.

Ministry Assistance

Staff members of the ministry's regional offices and the Violence Prevention Secretariat are available to assist school boards in the development and implementation of their policies. The addresses and telephone numbers are provided below:

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