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POLICY ADC

POLICY ON SMOKING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to promote a healthier environment to the students and staff of the New Frontiers School Board. It conforms to the law adopted by the Quebec government on the use and distribution of tobacco and the anti-tobacco initiatives undertaken by the New Frontiers School Board (NFSB) to promote safe and healthy learning. Wherever provincial governance and this policy are not in agreement, the more restrictive of the two shall be taken to apply.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all of the Board's buildings, facilities, and properties, including all schools and centres, as well as to other non-public spaces (such as buses) that are part of the delivery of educational and community services. It impacts on all users of such facilities and spaces, whether in the youth or adult sector, and to all visitors. The policy applies to tobacco-based products, however consumed, as well as to e-cigarettes and other emerging products that may, from time to time be identified by the Council of Commissioners.

PRINCIPLES

The School Board believes in the importance of taking adequate measures to promote a healthy learning environment for all its students and staff, and respecting the rights of non-smokers. The Board is convinced that a smoke-free environment is conducive to the development of healthy habits as well as providing better working conditions.

The use of products contemplated by this policy is prohibited on or in all campuses of the NFSB, and in all spaces used in the delivery of services by the New Frontiers School Board.

Law enforcement officials, as well as any employee of the Board, including administrators, directors, or commissioners are competent authorities for the application and enforcement of this policy.

According to the delegation of powers in force at the New Frontiers School Board, each employee responsible for an administrative unit must determine a reasonable manner in which to enforce the Tobacco Act

The School Board is responsible to affix signs in appropriate locations, in clear view of students, staff and the public attending or visiting NFSB premises, indicating the areas where it is prohibited to smoke.

REFERENCES:

Quebec's Tobacco Act (L.R.Q., ch. T-0.01) as well as the Act Amending the Tobacco Act and other legislative provisions (2005, chapter 29) adopted June 17th, 2005 and subsequent revisions.

New Frontiers School Board's governance relating to the delegation of powers (By-Law BLA).

End.