

## **Policy Statement**

The Keewatin-Patricia District School Board is committed to the prevention of and protection against child abuse and neglect. It is the policy of the KPDSB that all professionals working with children, including teachers and school board personnel, who has reasonable grounds to suspect that a child(ren) may be in need of protection shall immediately report this information, without delay, to a Children's Aid Society.

## **Rationale**

School Board personnel work closely with students and may be in a position to help identify children who are in need of protection and report it to the appropriate Children's Aid Society.

## **Guidelines**

1. The school board personnel who has reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is, or may be in need of protection, shall immediately report the suspicion to the appropriate Children's Aid Society and inform the Principal, or Designate, of the report.

The duty to report is an ongoing obligation. If a person has made a report about a child to a children's aid society and has additional reasonable grounds to suspect the child is, or may be in need of protection, that person must make a further report to the children's aid society.

2. The reporting procedure will be in accordance with the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board's Reporting of Children in Need of Protection Protocol and the Reporting of Children in Need of Protection Form.