

At times, school staff may become aware of a student who is at risk. It is the school's responsibility to investigate, evaluate and respond to these concerns to keep all children safe.

It is the law in Ontario that every person with knowledge of a child or youth experiencing abuse, neglect or risk of harm must report this information to the Children's Aid Society ([Child, Youth and Family Services Act](#)) or the Ontario Provincial Police in confirmed cases of human/sex trafficking ([Bill 168](#)).

Concerns must be shared with the appropriate professionals and agencies, along with families to ensure the safety of the child. In some cases, community-based resources may be offered to support the child. The school continues to support students who are in the care of the Children's Aid Society.

It is the sacred trust of DPCDSB to ensure that every child who is in our care can thrive.

Sincerely,

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