

# VANDALISM

## Background

Our District buildings and grounds are built and maintained with taxes levied on our community's taxpayers; all uncollected damages caused by vandals must be paid for in the same way. For that reason, the District urges every citizen, staff member, student, and law enforcement officer to co-operate in reporting any incident of vandalism and the name(s) of the person or persons believed to be responsible. The resources of our entire community are needed to combat the problem of vandalism against public property.

## Procedures

1. All employees of the District must report to the Principal, every incident of vandalism known to them and, if known, the names of the person(s) involved or suspected.
2. Principals will direct any problems or questions regarding specific school security matters to the Director of Facilities or the appropriate school liaison officer.
3. The Director of Facilities will ensure that a minimum amount of time expires between the receipt of vandalism damage reports and completion of the required repairs.
4. Notices prepared in several languages will be circulated to residents adjacent to school property to encourage neighbours to be watchful of vandalism and report any problems to the police.
5. The Director of Communications will consider appropriate means to publicize the broad issues surrounding vandalism in schools, including the various means being undertaken to further reduce vandalism costs.
6. The District will continue to purchase and use high quality vandal-resistant materials in high-risk areas of the school and review security measures for the more vulnerable areas.
7. In construction of new school facilities, their design will be such as to minimize potential vandalism problems.
8. District staff will continue to work with the Vancouver Police Department and the Crown Prosecutor to emphasize the commitment of the District to reduce vandalism costs.
9. In accordance with the *School Act*, students who destroy, vandalize, or steal school property, their parents are financially responsible for the repair or replacement of that property. The Superintendent is authorized to sign a criminal complaint and to press charges against vandals and to seek restitution from parents.

Reference: Sections 7, 10, 17, 20, 22, 65, 85, 177 School Act  
Collective Agreements

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