



Date: **May 30, 2023**
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Subject: **Policy Approval - Student Services and Special Education**

Background

Sec C. Policy - Child Abuse and Neglect was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on April 25, 2023 to be brought forward to the Board for final approval. The procedures required significant formatting and some minor changes to reflect the name change of the local CAS agency from Chatham-Kent Children's Services to Linck.

Sec. C Policy - Education Programs in Care, Treatment and Custodial Facilities was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on April 25, 2023 to be brought forward to the Board for final approval. Updated verbiage related to our new community partner was addressed in the procedures. The format of the procedures was changed to meet the requirements to distinctly indicate responsibilities and expectations. References to Care and/or Treatment, Custody and Correctional Facilities (CTCC) were changed to Education and Community Partnership Program (ECP) to address this change provided by the Ministry of Education.

Sec. C Policy - Voluntary and Confidential Aboriginal Self Identification was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on April 25, 2023 to be brought forward to the Board for final approval. In consultation with Indigenous partners, change to the Policy Title is suggested so that the distinct identities of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples are reflected.

Sec. D Policy - Physical Intervention of Students was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on April 25, 2023 to be brought forward to the Board for final approval. Changes to the BMS (Behaviour Management Systems) training have warranted slight changes to procedures working with students. Slight language changes to emphasize that behaviour is a form of communication have been included. A one-page safety plan template has been added to the procedures.

Sec. B Policy - Concussion was reviewed and approved by the Policy Vetting Committee on April 25, 2023 to be brought forward to the Board for final approval. The policy and administrative procedures have had minor updates related to formatting, and the addition of citations for new Ministry of Education and Rowan's Law resources. Annual review of the Concussion policy and resources at the initial staff meeting remains a requirement for all staff that are involved in coaching students up to the age of 18. Student safety and wellbeing is essential when engaging in physical activity.

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Policy Approval - Student Services and Special Education* for information.



That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec C. Policy - Child Abuse and Neglect*, effective May 30, 2023.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. C Policy - Education Programs in Care, Treatment and Custodial Facilities*, effective May 30, 2023.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. C Policy - Voluntary and Confidential Aboriginal Self Identification*, effective May 30, 2023.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. D Policy - Physical Intervention of Students*, effective May 30, 2023.

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. B Policy - Concussion*, effective May 30, 2023.