



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

RESCINDMENT OF VANDALISM POLICY B.M.01

For what does it profit a man, if he should gain the whole world, and lose his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 16:26

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

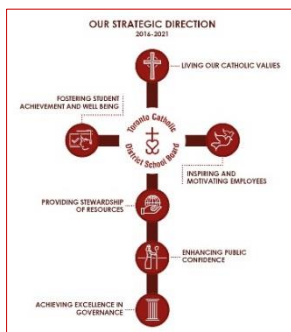
Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends the rescindment of the policy B.M. 01 Vandalism as the policy is superseded by current practice and policies.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 4 hours.

B. PURPOSE

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee to recommend the rescindment of the Vandalism Policy (H.M.01). New policies and/or regulations have come into effect since its last revision in June of 1986 that address vandalism on TCDSB properties, making this policy redundant.

C. BACKGROUND

1. Policy was last reviewed in June 1986 and has not been amended since that time. Given other developments, the policy is no longer relevant.
2. The developments relate to policies and legislation that have been introduced which have further clarified how vandalism is addressed within school communities. The Suspension and Expulsion Policy S.S.01 and Operational Procedures updated in 2021 addresses process for dealing with vandalism acts committed by students. Legal statutes for mischief and trespass.
3. Under the Education Act section 306(1), a principal may consider suspension of a student for committing an act of vandalism that causes extensive damage to school property at the pupil's school or to property located on the premises of the pupil's school.
4. The TCDSB Code of Conduct Policy S.S.09 and accompanying guidelines provides a mechanism to address acts of vandalism from all members of the school community. In regulation 9 of the policy, it is stated that the TCDSB will "collaborate with other district school boards, Toronto Police Services and community organizations to provide coordinated prevention and intervention programs and services in support of safe and accepting school communities."
5. To deal with vandalism by persons other than students, the board utilizes a security service to monitor its properties and buildings on a regular basis during non-school hours. This includes responding to reports of vandalism to

property and unauthorized entry. The latter involves the attendance of Toronto Police Services (TPS). Under the boards Video Surveillance Policy B.M. 07, video footage is shared with TPS upon request to further police investigations.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

This policy has been reviewed in consultation with staff from the Facilities and Communications Departments, Field Superintendents and Legal Services.

E. IMPLEMENTATION

The policy will be rescinded and removed from the TCDSB policy register.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Policy on Vandalism B.M. 01 provided in Report Appendix A, be rescinded.