



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2022 ANNUAL REPORT: SMOKE AND VAPOUR FREE SPACE POLICY B.B.04

“Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill” proverbs 1:5 (NRSVCE)

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| INFORMATION REPORT | |

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MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 - 2025

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to the TCDSB Policy B.B. 04 Smoke and Vapour Free Space, the TCDSB is committed to the provision of a smoke, vapour and tobacco free environment in all premises and on all properties, owned and/or operated by the Board. The data indicate a return to pre-pandemic rates for incidents and suspensions for secondary students, with a marked increase for elementary students

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 20 hours.

B. PURPOSE

Consistent with Policy B.B. 04, an annual report is presented to the Board of Trustees by staff detailing the compliance and infractions of this particular policy.

C. BACKGROUND

1. TCDSB Policy B.B. 04 was revised in May 2016 to include under the evaluation and metrics section requiring an annual report detailing compliance and infractions of this particular policy. The report was further revised in March 2019 to include references to vaping and use of cannabis.
2. The Tobacco Enforcement Department of the Toronto Public Health Department does not publicly release the total number of school infractions under the Smoke Free Ontario Act.
3. Data was collected from the Safe School Progressive Discipline Platform in order to provide an analysis of smoking-related discipline imposed over time on students.
4. Annually, TCDSB principals have been responding to a survey containing questions related to the compliance and number of infractions associated with this policy (Appendix A).
5. In May 2022, the survey was administered once again.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. This year's results indicate a return to pre-pandemic rates for secondary students and a lower incident rate for elementary students. Suspension rates for secondary students are proportionately lower and the data reflects staff's

efforts to implement strategies to decrease suspension rates in the elementary panel. The chart below indicates the number of incidents and suspensions since 2013-2014 in both elementary and secondary schools:

| Year | Elementary School Totals | | Secondary School Totals | |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | Incidents | Suspensions | Incidents | Suspensions |
| 2013-2014 | 5 | 1 | 120 | 88 |
| 2014-2015 | 2 | 2 | 113 | 69 |
| 2015-2016 | 3 | 2 | 78 | 66 |
| 2016-2017 | 4 | 1 | 65 | 47 |
| 2017-2018 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 44 |
| 2018-2019 | 29 | 8 | 74 | 45 |
| 2019-2020 | N/D | N/D | N/D | N/D |
| 2020-2021 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021-2022 | 20 | 8 | 86 | 47 |

2. Highlights from the 2021-2022 survey sent to school administrators are included below:
 - 182 responses (172 Principals, 10 Vice Principals) out of 197 schools
 - 31% of respondents (51 schools) indicated a requirement for additional signs at the entrances and exits of their locations
 - There was 1 student charged with an infraction for smoking under the Smoke Free Ontario Act.
 - There was a total of 3 calls from 1 administrator to the Tobacco Enforcement Department to enforce the Smoke Free Ontario Act at their school.
 - There was a total of 106 student discipline issues recorded into the Progressive Discipline Incident Log involving 32 schools
 - Schools communicate the policy on smoking/vaping mainly through the following channels (shown as a % of the 182 respondents):
 - Staff meetings (50%)
 - Student Agenda books (40%)
 - PA announcements (35%)
 - Newsletters (28%)
 - Emails (28%)
 - Assemblies (24%)
 - Other (15%)

3. The Facilities department will work with all area Service Quality Supervisors (SQS) to provide the proper signage at each entrance and location for their school building.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

An annual report as required by Policy B.B. 04 and is presented to the Board.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Board of Trustees.