



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

SMOKE AND VAPOUR FREE SPACE

The vapour and smoke of the furnace precede the fire; so insults precede bloodshed.

- Sirach 22:24

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June 4, 2024

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Vision: *IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

Mission: *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 - 2025

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides recommended updates to the Smoke and Vapour Free Space Policy - Appendix A (formerly B.B.04) to comply with the expectations in the Ministry of Educations updated Policy/Program Memorandum 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct (PPM 128).

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours.

B. PURPOSE

1. The report proposes minor updates to the Smoke and Vapour Free Space Policy to align with expectations outlined in PPM 128.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The policy was last updated March, 2019.
2. On April 28, 2024, the Ministry of Education updated PPM 128 expects school boards to have updated policies in place by September 1, 2024.
3. PPM 128 added electronic cigarettes (vaping) to the “in possession, use, and under the influence” safety prohibitions.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The content of the current policy aligns with direction in PPM 128.
2. The proposed updated policy will be formatted into the new policy template.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. The policy will be reviewed every five years.
2. A report will be brought to Board by staff on an annual basis detailing compliance and infractions of this policy.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Staff recommends that the revised Smoke and Vapour Free Space Policy provided in Appendix A (tracked) and Appendix B (clean), be approved.