



REPORT TO

## GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### RESCIND USE OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS POLICY (S.M. 12)

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Galatians 5:22-23

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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 rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Staff recommend rescinding the current Use of Dangerous Chemicals policy (S.M. 12) as it is outdated and procedural. The current policy is attached as APPENDIX A.

## **B. PURPOSE**

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends a policy to be rescinded.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. The Use of Dangerous Chemicals policy was last reviewed in April 1991.
2. On January 31, 2013, the Board adopted a framework for policy review that consisted of the following action: **RESCIND** the policy because it is operational and belongs in a procedural guideline or manual easily accessible by all stakeholders.

## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

1. In consultation with the Occupational Health and Safety Department, staff determined that the current Use of Dangerous Chemicals policy is outdated and procedural.
2. In a review of other school boards' policies, there were not policies highlighting use of dangerous chemicals or other hazardous materials.
3. The current policy can easily be updated and converted into a Standard Operating Procedure under the Occupational Health and Safety Department effective September 2, 2016.

## **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. Recommendations in this report be monitored by policy development staff and the Occupational Health and Safety Department.
2. There is no need for further reporting to Board once the policy is rescinded.

## **F. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

1. Policy development staff will ensure the policy is removed from the policy register.
2. The Occupational Health and Safety Department will update and incorporate the policy as part of Standard Operating Procedures.
3. The Occupational Health and Safety Department will communicate the updated Standard Operating Procedures to staff and relevant stakeholders.

## **G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Use of Dangerous Chemicals policy S.M. 12 be rescinded.