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USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MATERIALS

Background

The District, is committed to undertaking initiatives which support environmentally sound practices and promote the health and safety for students and employees in schools.

As part of these commitments, the District will endeavour to reduce and/or eliminate the use of toxic products in school premises.

A “Product Review Committee” will assess products for toxicity, identify proper handling of toxic materials and where possible, will source non-toxic equivalent products.

The District will make all reasonable efforts to purchase non-toxic materials, products containing recycled materials and materials which, when ultimately disposed, will minimize or eliminate adverse effects on the environment.

Procedures

1. A “Product Review Committee” will be established to:
 - 1.1. Assess current products/practices and review alternative products/practices that would eliminate or reduce the use of toxic materials within the District.
 - 1.2. Maintain a list of environmentally and health friendly products that will be used exclusively within the District. The District will eliminate the use of household chemicals, products that are of commercial grade and all those that are not subject to [Material Safety Data](#) sheet compliance.
 - 1.3. Promote the use of biodegradable and environmentally friendly products that will not result in the generation of hazardous waste.
2. The District will maintain a procurement system for school products, which will ensure the purchase of non-toxic or less toxic products that reduce staff and student exposure; and in the contract bidding process will request the use of non-toxic materials.
3. The District will maintain a system of disposal for school products that is safe and environmentally responsible.
4. The District will ensure there is employee and student awareness regarding the use of toxic products/materials and the prevention of pollution.

5. The District will ensure that the design for any new construction or renovation of school facilities incorporates the use of environmentally sound materials and building systems.

6. The District will ensure that reduce, reuse, and recycling programs are maintained throughout all schools and buildings.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act
Health Act
Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

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