

Student Protection Policy

Policy Release

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) is pleased to share the *Student Protection Policy*, which has been developed in collaboration with staff from the Regional Centres for Education (RCEs) and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), and with consultation and input from the Public School Administrators Association of Nova Scotia (PSAANS), the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU), the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union (NSGEU), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), the Nova Scotia Union of Public and Private Employees (NSUPE), and the Services Employees International Union (SEIU).

The *Student Protection Policy* outlines measures to ensure the safety and security of all students, while interacting with, or under the care of, teachers and other designated employees in the public education system. These measures are being undertaken to ensure that the safety of Nova Scotia students is not compromised.

This policy is effective as of June 1, 2021 and will replace and/or supplement RCE/CSAP policies currently in place. All RCEs and CSAP will be contacting staff in their region to help them understand what this policy means for them.

EECD acknowledges that there are administrative duties associated with this policy and that RCE/CSAP operational staff will play a significant role in its implementation. We are committed to working with RCEs and the CSAP to ensure the policy is successfully implemented across the province.

Originally signed by

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