

## **SAFE SCHOOLS POLICY**

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Safe Schools policy is to assure that the North Kingstown School Department provides and maintains an educational environment that is safe, healthy, and nurturing.

### **PHILOSOPHY:**

It is the belief and intention of the School Committee that a policy in regard to safe, healthy, and nurturing schools is essential to facilitate the psychosocial, physical and intellectual development of each student to achieve excellence.

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

Building principals, staff administrators, and plant facilities personnel are primarily responsible, within the limits imposed by available resources, for initiating and maintaining the necessary precautions for the health, safety and nurture of staff, pupils and community members in the school system. All procedures will be derived from this policy in compliance with the rules, regulations, and laws governing health and safety.

Definitions: A safe school provides a climate where students, staff and community members in the school system are free from harm and the physical environment is well maintained.

A healthy school includes quality health education and provides an environment and services that are both responsive and preventive in nature.

A nurturing school is a caring community of adults and students committed to their own and each other's well-being and learning.

Each school will develop a plan to be submitted to the Superintendent and School Committee for annual update and review.

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