

**REPORTING CHILD ABUSE**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the expectations of the North Kingstown School Committee as regards all employees of the North Kingstown School Department in dealing with incidents of suspected child abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect.

**PHILOSOPHY:**

The School Committee recognizes the fact that child abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect can seriously impact children and their educational environment, and teachers and other school personnel are in a unique position to identify and report suspected cases of such abuse.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The School Committee brings point to the Rhode Island General Law 40-11-3 which requires the reporting of suspected child abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect to the Department of Children and their Families. Further the School Committee states its position is that employees are expected to adhere to the statutes, and directs that procedures be developed to implement the required reporting.

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