
Fwd: Ministerial order regarding Safe and Caring Policy

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From: EDC Minister <Education.Minister@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Ministerial order regarding Safe and Caring Policy
Date: November 14, 2018 at 9:04:20 AM MST
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: EDC Safe Caring <safecaring@gov.ab.ca>

Dear Principal and President/Chairman:

I am writing in follow-up to Dr. Curtis Clarke's email of August 27, 2018 as well as the email you received from SafeCaring on September 6, 2018. The email from SafeCaring set out the concerns we had about your school authority's policy as required by section 45.1 of the *School Act* and gave you 30 days to address those concerns.

Alberta Education's review of your school authority's website following the October 6, 2018, deadline reveals that your school authority has not posted a policy/code of conduct in a prominent location on your website and has posted a policy and code of conduct that, in my opinion, is not compliant with section 45.1 of the *School Act*.

As of October 6, 2018, the policy and code of conduct on your website is still considered non-compliant in the following ways:

- It does not include the full text of section 16.1(1), (3), (3.1), (4) and (6), as required by section 45.1(4)(b);
- It includes language which casts doubt on whether you intend to adhere to the notification provisions in section 45.1(4)(c);
- It does not include the notification provisions as prescribed by section 45.1(4)(c);
- It is not posted in a prominent location; and
- It does not include the requirements of section 45.1(5).

I have therefore established, by the attached Ministerial Order, a Safe and Caring Policy and Code of Conduct for Lighthouse Christian School Society under section 45.1(8) of the *School Act*. Section 45.1(9) requires you to make this Ministerial Order, in its entirety, available in a timely manner in a prominent location on your school authority's website. A direct link to the Ministerial Order must be created and clearly labeled as the "Safe and Caring Policy" on your school authority's home page. Concurrently, I expect the non-compliant version of your policy will be removed from your school authority's website. Please notify Alberta Education via the SafeCaring@gov.ab.ca email once the Ministerial Order is posted on your school authority's website, including the direct link to the Ministerial Order's location.

Furthermore, Schedule B in the attached Ministerial Order must be provided to the parent or legal guardian of every student that is enrolled in a school operated by Lighthouse Christian School Society, and confirmation of this action must be provided in a timely manner to SafeCaring@gov.ab.ca.

Consequences for failing to comply with the Ministerial Order in its entirety will include funding being withheld for the 2019-2020 school year.

Having this policy deemed on your school authority by Ministerial Order does not preclude you from developing your own compliant policy at any time; however, any new policy would need to be assessed for compliance before I would consider rescinding the attached Ministerial Order. If you would like to learn more about this, have any further questions, or require further assistance please contact Paul Lamoureux, Executive Director, Field Services, Alberta Education, at SafeCaring@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

David Eggen
Minister of Education

Attachment: Ministerial Order

 **Ministerial Order 038 2018.pdf**
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