

Social Work Protocols

For Reopening 2020



Schools are required to follow these protocols with respect to social workers in schools providing service to students:

- There will be 3 Social Workers providing in school individual services to students in Elementary schools as well as servicing students from those schools who have are participating in remote learning.
- Social Workers will be training in board health and safety protocols and enhanced cleaning measures to ensure safety of students during sessions.
- Social Workers will be provided with board allotted PPE on a weekly basis and will be required to wear masks during sessions. When social workers are working with students who are unmasked (K-3, and any students with mask exceptions) they must wear a face shield in addition to a mask, unless they are able to be at a 2 metres distance.
- Social Workers will be required to complete a self-assessment daily prior to entry into the schools. Children's Centre Thunder Bay Social Workers will complete the CCTB agency self-assessment.
- Social Workers will ask office staff to call students down for sessions and walk them to the room provided for counselling.
- Social workers will be providing a maximum of 5 sessions using a brief services Solution Focused treatment model.
- In the event a Social Worker screens positive for COVID-19 however is still well enough to provide services, services can be provided virtually given the school is able to accommodate the technology and enhanced cleaning required in the room provided between students.
- Referrals for Elementary Social Workers are to be made through the Mental Health Lead. Email megan_tiernan@lakeheadschoools.ca with a fully completed referral form. The referral forms will be updated and provided to Administrators at the beginning of the school year.

School Social Workers

Elementary

Amy Didemus
Tegan Tsubouchi
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Secondary

Debra Parks (Superior)
Carmen Kijanen (Hammarskjold)
Rachel Egan (Westgate)