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1. Rationale

- 1.1 In order for schools to be an integral part of the community and society, access to schools by a wide variety of people is beneficial. The goals of Lakehead District School Board recognize and support the need for community-school involvement.
- 1.2 Lakehead District School Board encourages access to the schools and use of school facilities during and after school hours by the community. Schools, however, are a special place for learning. A swift response must be made to those who may wish to disrupt the learning environment or damage school property.

2. Policy

It is the policy of Lakehead District School Board to ensure that every student, parent/guardian community member, employee, and trustee are safe and welcome on school and board premises, and that employees respond to unauthorized visitors in accordance with relevant legislation and board policy.

3. Guiding Principles

- 3.1 Lakehead District School Board recognizes that control of access to school premises under its jurisdiction shall be in accordance with the appropriate acts and regulations.
- 3.2 This policy applies to all persons accessing school premises under the jurisdiction of the Lakehead District School Board. The board is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment and preserving the integrity of the instructional day.
- 3.3 The board endorses and promotes an access to school premises policy and procedures which are consistent with the values, traditions and distinctiveness of public schools.
- 3.4 Lakehead District School Board provides protection to all board facilities and property under the appropriate acts and regulations. To facilitate this protection, all staff members are authorized by the board to prohibit entry or direct trespassers to leave the premises as required.
- 3.5 Permanent employees of Lakehead District School Board are authorized to act as occupiers and are empowered to act within the legislation with respect to trespassers. Student and casual employees are not authorized to act as occupiers.
- 3.6 In dealing with incidents of trespassing, employees of Lakehead District School Board should make every attempt to maximize cooperation and minimize confrontation. All employees should follow 8020 Access to School/Board Premises Procedures.

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- 3.7 During a political campaign, candidates or their representatives will not be allowed to:
- campaign during school hours:
 - hand out political literature during school hours: and/ or
 - post political signs at any time on school/board premises.
- 3.8 The use of school facilities outside of school hours by individuals and groups must follow the 8011 Use of School Buildings, Facilities, and Grounds Policy.

4. Review

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with 2010 Policy Development and Review Policy .

<u>Cross Reference</u>	<u>Date Approved</u> November 24, 2015 <u>Date Revised</u>	<u>Legal Reference</u>
6010 Emergency Evacuation and Emergency School Closure Policy & Procedures		Education Act, Section 305
6070 Video Surveillance Policy & Procedures		Ontario Regulation 474/00
8011 Use of School Buildings, Facilities and Grounds Policy & Procedures		Education Act, Part X, Section 265 (1) (m)
8070 Safe Schools – System Expectations Policy & Procedures		Education Act, Part X, Section 265 (1) (n)
8090 Community/Education Partnerships Policy & Procedures		Education Act, Part II, Section 50(1-3)
Police /School Protocol		Education Act 212 (1)
		Regulation 298, Section 11
		Trespass to Property Act, RSO 1990, c.T.21