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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 (LDSB) 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 LDSB to ensure that every student, parent/guardian, community member, employee, and trustee are safe and welcome on school and LDSB premises, and that employees respond to unauthorized visitors in accordance with relevant legislation and LDSB 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 LSDB. Lakehead District School Board is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment and preserving the integrity of the instructional day.
- 3.3 Lakehead District School 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 LDSB facilities and property under the appropriate acts and regulations. To facilitate this protection, all staff members are authorized by LDSB to prohibit entry or direct trespassers to leave the premises as required.
- 3.5 Lakehead District School Board authorizes school administrators and staff members to exercise rights as occupiers under the provisions of the Trespass to Property Act.
- 3.6 In dealing with incidents of trespassing, employees of LDSB 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/LDSB 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> | <u>Legal Reference</u> |
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| | November 24, 2015 | |
| 6010 Emergency Evacuation and Emergency School Closure Policy & Procedures | <u>Date Revised</u> | Education Act, Section 305 |
| 6070 Video Surveillance Policy & Procedures | May 28, 2024 | 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 |