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 - Policy Name: Smoking & Tobacco Restriction (Previously *Smoking in Schools*)
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Smoking & Tobacco Restriction

Policy Statement:

All smoking, including tobacco and electronic cigarettes, and the use of smokeless tobacco or holding lighted tobacco are prohibited in all schools, school district buildings, school district property, buses, and district vehicles, with a limited exception for the ceremonial use of tobacco in or on school property as approved by the School District Administration.

Rationale:

The Board acknowledges the importance of providing healthy learning and working environments and recognizes the significant health hazard implicit in the use of tobacco products.

The Board believes that the use of tobacco products on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities on school property or at school related or school sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff and visitors.

The Board recognizes that it has an obligation to promote positive role models in schools and promote a healthy learning and working environment, free from unwanted smoke and tobacco use by students, employees and visitors on school property.

Finally, the Board recognizes that it has legal obligations pursuant to federal and provincial legislation.