

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

The Board expects all of its employees to be honest and ethical in their conduct, and to comply with applicable State and Federal law, Board policies and administrative guidelines. Staff shall report possible violations of these Board expectations. Parents, volunteers, contractors and concerned citizens are encouraged to report possible violations, when done in good faith.

It is the responsibility of an employee who is aware of conduct on the part of any Board member, employee, or contracted employee that possibly violates Federal or State law, or Board policy, to call this conduct to the attention of his/her immediate supervisor. If the employee's immediate supervisor is not responsive or is the employee whose behavior is in question, the employee may report to the Superintendent, or his/her designee. If the reported conduct relates to the Superintendent, or his/her designee, the report may be filed directly with the Board President.

After such a report is made, the employee will be asked to put the report in writing. Any employee making such a report shall be protected from discipline, retaliation, or reprisal for making such report as long as the employee had a good faith belief as to the accuracy of any information reported. Employees are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, for knowingly making a false report under this policy. Employees may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, if they are aware of a violation of Federal, State, or local law involving or relating to the business of the District and they do not make a report confirmed in writing to a supervisor in accordance with this policy.

The administration shall develop administrative guidelines necessary for implementation of this policy, including the development of forms upon which such reports may be made.

M.C.L.A. 15.361 et seq.

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