



## **Policy Manual – Building/Plant/Grounds**

### **B.M.01 Vandalism**

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*The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the model*

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Vandalism, defined as willful acts of commission or omission leading to property damage or defacement of Board property (buildings, grounds, fixtures, equipment, etc.), will not be tolerated. Strong measures, including video surveillance, will be used to prevent vandalism and to assist in prosecuting such offences. Students implicated in vandalism incidents may be subject to suspension or expulsion from school. The Board shall seek monetary restitution, as permitted by law, from vandalism offenders (and/or their parents or guardians in the case of students). Efforts shall be made to impress upon students their positive role involved in reducing incidents of violence and vandalism in their schools. The cooperation of parents/guardians shall be sought in helping to minimize vandalism on school property.

#### **Purpose**

The policy is intended to convey to the constituents at each School Board property the Board's firm view of vandalism acts as incidents that must be prevented through community cooperation as well as deterrence through a defined set of consequences for such acts.

#### **Responsibility**

Associate Director of Corporate Services

Senior Manager Facility Management Services

The policy will be implemented at each site by the principal or site manager.

#### **Regulations**

HWCD SB SAFE SCHOOLS MANUAL, section Police/School Board Protocol, item 7 – (Incidents Requiring Police Involvement or Response).

#### **Related Policies**

B.M.06 Video/Electronic Surveillance Policy

#### **Related Board Committee**

Committee of the Whole

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