

Report to the Board of Education (PUBLIC)

DATE: October 18 2021
 FROM: Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Schools
 SUBJECT: K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies

This report is provided to the Board of Education for information purposes. No further action on behalf of the Board is required at this time.

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies.

BACKGROUND:

On October 22nd, the Ministry of Education released [the K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies](#) which were developed by an Advisory Committee comprised of Ministry and education sector representatives. The purpose of the Guidelines document is to provide boards of education with

- x Consult with Medical Health Officers and local health authorities in order to obtain advice on effectiveness of vaccine policies and provide information on local epidemic patterns, patterns of transmission and community vaccine coverage
- x Ensure draft policy is in alignment with existing health and safety requirements and provincial health Orders
- x After seeking advice from local public health officials and confirming that potential policy was in alignment as discussed above, a Board could either stop the process at that stage, revise the draft policy if necessary and/ or proceed to Step Three.

Step Three Consult with employee groups and First Nations and engage the community:

- x Consult with employee groups including Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees
- x Review collective agreements
- x Review applicable human resources and labour relations policies
- x Consult with local First Nations (as applicable).
- x Engage with District Advisory Council and broader community to understand potential implications.
- x After engaging in this consultation process, a Board would then proceed to Step Four.

Step Four Board decides whether to create a proof of vaccination policy and announce decision:

- x At an incamera meeting, the Board would consider whether or not it wished to implement a vaccine policy

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