## OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON REFERRAL

## **Background**

The British Columbia government has established the Office of the Ombudsperson. From time to time, individuals may choose to take their complaints about a school or the District to the Ombudsperson.

## **Procedures**

- According to the guidelines and practices of the Office of the Ombudsperson, notification
  of a complaint to the Ombudsperson will either be made directly to the school involved or
  the District, depending on the circumstances of each complaint.
- 2. Referrals from the Office of the Ombudsperson to the District Office will be made to the Superintendent or designate.
- 3. Principals receiving notice of complaint regarding their school shall inform the Superintendent that an investigation is taking place by completing Form 390-1.
- 4. Details of concluded investigation(s) shall be kept on file at the school and copies of final results supplied to the Superintendent's office.
- 5. The Superintendent or designate will summarize the types of school and District complaints registered in order to update the Board on an annual basis.

Reference: Sections 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act

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