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898 VANDALISM

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to deter property damage by vandals and to emphasize that the school board will seek damages from any person who has committed or conspired to commit a crime against school district property.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board believes that school district property belongs to the members of the school district community and the board should do everything it can to prevent vandalism and restore or replace damaged property. The school board also believes that the fact that the school board may seek restitution against vandals may have a deterrent effect on the commission of such crimes.

- III.** Willful or malicious destruction or defacement of school district property will not be tolerated. Where such acts cause damage, the costs will be sought in full.
- IV.** All employees are responsible for reporting known incidents of vandalism to their supervisors.
- V.** The superintendent or a designee is authorized to sign a criminal complaint and to press charges against perpetrators of vandalism on school property.
- VI.** The method of seeking restitution for acts of vandalism may vary and will be determined by the building principal.
- VII.** When vandals are referred to the Washington County Court, the school district will communicate its interest to judicial officials and request that restitution be part of the ruling.
- VIII.** All acts of vandalism which result in loss of material and/or labor will be identified and reported by the building principal to the business office which, in turn, will make periodic reports to the Superintendent.

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