BOARD POLICY

STUDENTS   **MARCH 21, 2016**
SUSPECTED ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Any Livonia Public Schools employee, who is a specifically mandated reporting person under the Child Protection Law, who has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect shall make, or cause to be made, an oral report immediately to the Wayne County Department of Human Services – Child Protective Services.   In addition, the employee shall also immediately report such suspected child abuse or neglect to the employee's immediate supervisor or administrator. Within 72 hours, the employee shall file, or cause to be filed, a written report. The written report must be made available to the employee's immediate administrator or supervisor. The written report may be cosigned by the employee's immediate administrator or supervisor.

Any Livonia Public Schools employee, who is employed, licensed, registered, or certified to provide health care, educational, social welfare, or mental health services, who suspects or has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited shall make an oral report immediately to the Wayne County Department of Social Services -- Adult Protective Services. The employee may also file a written report. In addition, the employee shall immediately report such suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation to the employee's immediate supervisor or administrator.

All district employees, who are specifically mandated reporting persons under the Child Protection Law and the Social Welfare Act, will be advised, at least annually, of their responsibilities under these laws.

Any Livonia Public Schools employee who is not a specifically mandated reporting person under the Child Protection Law or the Social Welfare Act, who has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect, or who suspects or has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited, shall immediately report the same to his or her immediate administrator or supervisor.