

### AP 527 – Anti-Vandalism

#### Purpose

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools is committed to maintaining multi-faceted programs to prevent and reduce acts of vandalism and illegal entry. For the purposes of this Administrative Procedure the following definitions apply:

“Illegal entry” is the act of breaking and entering without lawful justification or excuse.

“Intruder” is a person who enters without permission.

“Vandalism” is damage/loss due to willful behaviour.

This Administrative Procedure is based on the following principles:

1. The primary focus of District anti-vandalism initiatives should be on prevention.
2. Restitution should be sought from those responsible for acts of vandalism and/or illegal entry.
3. Every effort should be made to identify the persons suspected of vandalism or illegal entry.
4. If possible, individuals found illegally on school property shall be charged.
5. Within cost and time constraints, every effort shall be made in the design and equipping of school facilities to deter and resist vandalism and illegal entry.

#### Procedure

As it is the responsibility of all departments and district employees to ensure the safekeeping of all district property and equipment, applicable departments and respective district staff have developed procedures that will:

- develop, recommend and maintain anti-vandalism reduction and communication strategies that are both preventative and reactive.
- monitor the effectiveness of the anti-vandalism administrative procedure, and initiatives.
- To report to the Board of Education, annually or more often as circumstances require, relevant data connected to the impact of vandalism, and the effectiveness of specific anti-vandalism initiatives.