Northeastern Catholic District School Board

RESPONSE TO TRAGIC EVENTS	
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POLICY STATEMENT

The Northeastern Catholic District School (NCDSB) is committed to assisting our school communities touched by a traumatic event or crisis that occurs in a family, in the local area or in the broader global environment. As a Catholic community of believers, we are called to show empathy and compassion to our students and staff members who may be affected emotionally by tragedy or crisis. The NCDSB believes that our response to tragedy must reflect our Catholic beliefs, values, and traditions, while respecting the increasing diversity of our community.

REFERENCES

NCDSB Tragic Events Protocol
NCDSB Administrative Procedure
APE020 Response to Tragic Events

DEFINITIONS

Crisis
An unexpected event that cannot be prevented and which causes deep emotional reactions within the school or community.

Tragic Event
A serious illness, accident, death, or traumatic event that affects more than one student or staff member, and that goes beyond the school resources in terms of coping and responding.

POLICY REGULATIONS

1.0 Address tragic events and crisis situations in a timely, compassionate, coordinated, and faith-based manner that prioritizes the safety, well-being, and dignity of all those affected.

2.0 Provide effective leadership and coordination in responding to tragic events and crisis situations, ensuring appropriate supports are available to affected individuals and school communities.

3.0 Communication during tragic events and crisis situations will promote clarity, consistency, and the responsible sharing of information while respecting privacy and confidentiality.

4.0 Collaborate with parish partners, community agencies, and other appropriate supports to provide care and assistance during and following tragic events and crisis situations

5.0 Provide staff with appropriate information, guidance, and resources to support effective responses to tragic events and crisis situations.