

The Westford Public Schools affirms its responsibility to provide for the safety and well-being of students. This responsibility extends to complying with the Massachusetts Mandatory Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Statute, Chapter 119, Section 51A. The Westford Public Schools recognizes that because of their sustained contact with school-age children, school employees will actively carry out the letter and spirit of the law. It is expected then, that when any staff member in his/her professional capacity, has reasonable cause to believe that a child under the age of eighteen years is suffering from the effects of any form of child abuse or neglect, that the staff member will report their concerns to the Principal for consideration of reporting to the Department of Social Services.

Massachusetts General Law References:

M.G.L. 119:51A – Requirement to File Reports on Injured Children

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