

MAPC Position Statement

Violence in Manitoba Schools

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MAPC believes in the importance of all schools in Manitoba fostering an environment which ensures the safety and well being of all students and staff. We recognize the necessity of having comprehensive safe school policies in place. MAPC supports initiatives directed toward keeping our children safe during their time spent in school.

MAPC encourages both federal and provincial governments to carefully examine the causes of violence toward students in our province and to develop proactive solutions, in partnership with the Department of Education, (MECY), to end violence within our schools. MAPC strongly requests that a parental voice be included in these discussions.

MAPC encourages school administrators and all relevant organizations to share, with each other, violent history records of students. This would better facilitate the development of plans that would minimize any potential threats to student and staff safety.

MAPC believes that administrators be required to communicate school safety plans, lockdown procedures, and incident reporting to parents of students within their respective schools and divisions.

MAPC encourages active enforcement of disciplinary measures towards anyone, regardless of age or position, threatening the safety and well being of students and staff in Manitoba schools.

Rationale:

MAPC would like to share this position, as representative of its members, with our education partners (including the Minister of Education), and the media.