



### **Vandalism**

The Park West School Division's buildings and grounds are built and maintained with taxes levied on the community's taxpayers, and all damage caused must be paid for in the same way. Therefore, every citizen of the division, students and law enforcement officers are urged by the Board to cooperate in reporting any incidents of vandalism to property belonging to the division and the identification of the person or persons believed to be responsible. Each employee of the division shall report to the principal of the school every incident of vandalism known to him or her and, if known, the names of those responsible.

The Superintendent/CEO, the principal or their designees are authorized to sign a criminal complaint against persons suspected of vandalism against school property. Students who willfully or maliciously destroy school property through vandalism or arson or who create a hazard to the safety of other people on school property may be referred to law enforcement authorities. Vandalism includes the unauthorized use, alteration, damage or destruction of any computer, computer system, software, program or computerized data. Students who are caught vandalizing school property may be suspended and/or expelled.

It is the intent of the Board of Park West to seek damages as permitted by law (\* see below) from students who vandalize school property and/or their parents or guardians.

### **Responsibility for Damage**

In accordance with Section 58.8 of The Public Schools Act

**58.8** "If property of a school division or school district is destroyed, damaged, lost or converted by the intentional or negligent act of a child, the child and his or her parents are jointly and severally liable to the school board for the loss."

Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Park West School Division that wilful damage to school property shall be assessed to the student. The student shall pay the cost of repairing the damage or be required to do school service equal to the cost of repairing the damage. Either shall be done to the complete satisfaction of the school principal in consultation with the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Further action which may involve, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion may be initiated.