

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

Section: Business and Administrative Services

- **Property and Facilities Services**

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Policy: SCHOOL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

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This Board Policy applies to all school sites and all school playground equipment whether provided by the Board as part of a capital project or purchased by a school community and donated to the Board as part of a local school initiative. School playground equipment includes structural equipment (e.g. shade structures).

The Board recognizes the inherent value of physical activity, and recognizes that the public and school community are generally supportive of having playground equipment on school property. As a responsible community partner, the Board recognizes its obligation to inspect playground structures to ensure maintenance is managed and to reduce risk of student injury. In this regard the Board will provide resources for minor maintenance as determined through the budget process and inspection services. The Board's liability policy covers the use of this equipment.

The Board will provide inspection services for this equipment. The annual inspection report will be distributed to the principals who shall review with school councils for recommendations.

The inspections provided by the Board will be based on the current CSA standards. Directives and/or recommendations from these inspections will be the final authority for local school administrators to follow.

Funding of new play structures, the upgrading of existing structures (new parts), ground cover, and cribbing is the responsibility of the local school.

It is the policy of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board that new playground installations and replacement parts comply with current Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standards on children's play spaces and equipment. Existing equipment installed prior to these standards shall be maintained and modified as required, or removed, through consultation with the school principal.