REPORTING CHILD ABUSE/CHILD PROTECTION

It is the policy of the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) that Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) complies with the Colorado Child Protection Act of 1987.

To that end, any school official or employee who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, as defined by statute, shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the El Paso County Department of Social Services or local law enforcement agency.

Reports of child abuse or neglect, the name and address of the child, family or informant or any other identifying information in the report shall be confidential and shall not be public information, except when authorized by a court for good cause.

Periodic in-service programs shall be provided for all teachers in order to provide them with information about the Child Protection Act, to assist them in recognizing and reporting instances of child abuse and to instruct them on how to assist victims and their families.

School employees and officials shall not contact the child's family or any other persons to determine the cause of the suspected abuse or neglect. It is not the responsibility of the school official or employee to prove that the child has been abused or neglected.

The Superintendent shall submit such procedures as are necessary to the Board for approval to accomplish the intent of this policy.

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LEGAL REFS.:   C.R.S. 19-1-120(1)(a)
                     C.R.S. 19-3-304
                     C.R.S. 19-3-307
                     C.R.S. 19-3-309
                     C.R.S. 22-32-109(1)(z)

CROSS REFS.:   GBGB, Staff Personal Security and Safety
                     JLF-R Reporting Child Abuse Regulations and Procedures