

(STATEMENT ON) VIOLENCE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
IN CHARIHO SCHOOLS

The Chariho Regional School District Committee strongly endorses the school behavior codes and policies as they pertain to acts of violence and the damaging impact of substance abuse in school.

The Committee fully supports the administration and staff in their efforts to keep schools as safe havens from violence and the damaging impact of substance abuse.

The Committee acknowledges the vital importance of respect for authority and recognizes that all staff, by virtue of their function as authority figures, warrant special status and protection from acts of violence in their school roles.

The Committee understands that incidents of substance abuse among students negatively impact the ability of staff to encourage all students to reach their fullest potential.

The Committee also recognizes the essential role of parents in solving problems of violence and substance abuse that involve their children. The Committee will make every effort to insure maximum parental involvement in resolving such issues. In the absence of voluntary involvement by parents in such matters, the Committee directs the Superintendent of Schools to pursue all legal measures to involve parents in solving these problems.

The Committee will not tolerate acts of violence and the negative impact of substance abuse and will punish offenders in accordance with behavior codes and to the maximum extent it deems appropriate.

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