CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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The Waunakee Community School District is concerned with the welfare of all children. Among the goals of education are to help students to be more productive citizens and, eventually, effective parents.

The Waunakee Community School District is aware of the importance of its role in the identification and referral of cases of suspected child abuse or neglect or threatened with abuse or neglect. Due to the large amount of time school personnel spend with children, educators are in a unique position to identify and refer children who may be abused or neglected, thus helping to prevent further instances and to provide intervention which may help to break the cycle of abuse and/or neglect.

In accordance with state law, all school district employees who suspect that a student may be abused or neglected, or have reason to believe that a student has been threatened with abuse or neglect, shall report this to the appropriate county department or agencies in section 48.981. No person making a report in good faith of suspected abuse or neglect or threat or abuse or neglect may be discharged from employment, disciplined or otherwise discriminated against in regard to employment or threatened with any such treatment for so doing.

The district shall provide all employees with Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) approved training in identifying children who have been abused or neglected and the laws and procedures governing the reporting of suspected or threatened abuse or neglect. The district shall provide this training within the first 6 months after commencing employment with the district and at least once every five years after the initial training.

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		48.02(1)(5j) Wisconsin Statutes
		48.981
		940.255
		944.30
		948.02
		948.025
		948.05
		948.055
		948.10

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