

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT REPORTING

The School Committees recognize and accept the Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School Districts' responsibility to comply with the Massachusetts Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Statute, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 119, Section 51A.

The Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School Districts recognize that because of their sustained contact with children under the age of eighteen years, school employees will actively carry out the letter and spirit of the law. It is expected then, that when any staff member in his or her professional capacity has reasonable cause to believe that a child under the age of eighteen years is suffering from the effects of any form of child abuse and neglect, that the staff member will report his or her concerns in conformance with the Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School Districts' procedures for reporting suspected abuse and/or neglect to the Department of Social Services.