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VANDALISM

The School Committee recognizes that acts of vandalism committed against public and private property are costly and require positive action through educational programs, and therefore it supports various programs aimed at reducing the amount of vandalism.

Every citizen of the town, staff members, students, and members of the Chicopee Police Department are urged by the School Committee to cooperate in reporting any incidents of vandalism to property under control of the school department, and the name(s) of the person or persons believed to be responsible. Each employee will report to the Principal of the school every incident of vandalism known to him/her and, if known, the names of those responsible.

The Superintendent is authorized to sign a criminal complaint and to press the charges against perpetrators of vandalism against school property, and is further authorized to delegate, as he/she sees fit, authority to sign such complaints and to press charges.

Parents and students will be made aware of the legal implications involved. Reimbursement will be sought for all or part of any damages.

All damages or acts of vandalism will be reported to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent will submit monthly reports to the School Committee of the damages to buildings. Copies will be forwarded to Chief of Police.

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