
The Northeastern Catholic District School (NCDSB) is committed to assisting our school communities touched by a traumatic event or crisis that occurs in a family, in the local area or in the broader global environment. As a Catholic community of believers we are called to show empathy and compassion to our students and staff members who may be affected emotionally by tragedy or crisis. The NCDSB believes that our response to tragedy must reflect our Catholic beliefs, values, and traditions, while respecting the increasing diversity of our community.

REFERENCES

NCDSB Tragic Events Protocol
NCDSB Policy
E-20 Response to Tragic Events

DEFINITIONS

Crisis

An unexpected event that cannot be prevented and which causes deep emotional reactions within the school or community.

Tragic Event

A serious illness, accident, death, or traumatic event that affects more than one student or staff member, and that goes beyond the school resources in terms of coping and responding.

PROCEDURES

1.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1 Principal

- i) advise a Superintendent of Education of the situation as soon as possible
- ii) work in partnership with the Superintendent of Education to prepare the school community and response to the tragic event;
- iii) maintain active lines of communication with all stakeholders as necessary
- iv) seek the advice and guidance of the Superintendent of Education throughout process of responding to the tragic event;
- v) serve as the primary liaison with the famil

