

# Staff Report



September 26, 2023

**To** Board of Education (Public Meeting)

**From** Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

**Re** **Administrative Procedure 117 - Whistleblower – Public Interest Disclosure Act**

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This report is presented to the Board for information.

**BACKGROUND:**

In March 2023, Administrative Procedure 117 - *Whistleblower – Public Interest Disclosure Act* (“AP 117”), was developed as the Board of Education’s commitment to honesty, integrity, and accountability in its operations, programs, and services and to promoting a culture of openness and transparency.

The School District encourages and supports all personnel in bringing forward reports of unlawful acts and acts of Wrongdoing in a manner consistent with the provisions of the British Columbia *Public Interest Disclosure Act* (“PIDA”).

The primary purpose of the administrative procedure is to establish a process in compliance with PIDA for employees to report, in good faith, wrongful or unlawful conduct without fear of retaliation or reprisal.

Under Section 10.1 of AP 117, an annual report shall be prepared for the Board outlining the number of disclosures made, number of investigations required, and/or further action needed.

For the period ending June 30, 2023, there have been no reports made.