

	<b>STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD I-D-4</b>
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**SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

*The Strait Regional School Board is committed to the provision of healthy learning and working environments for students and staff. The Board also believes that the education system has an important role to play in the promotion of healthy life-style choices, both through teaching and by example. In recognition of the mounting evidence concerning the injurious nature of environmental tobacco smoke, the education environment under the jurisdiction of the Strait Regional School Board is therefore declared to be smoke-free.*

**GUIDELINES**

1. *Smoking by any person is not permitted at any time in school buildings and/or on Board properties. This prohibition applies to staff, students, visitors, community users of school facilities and contractors. This prohibition also applies to persons entrusted with the supervision of students engaged in school-sponsored activities outside of the Board's jurisdiction while in the presence of students.*
2. *Possession of tobacco by any person under the age of nineteen (19) is illegal and is prohibited at any time in school buildings and / or school property. (Smoke-free Places Act, 2002 )*
3. *For the purposes of this Policy, Board properties/facilities include, but may not be limited to, buildings and grounds associated with schools, offices, garages, shops, warehouses, storage facilities and Board owned or contracted vehicles, including private vehicles on Board property.*
4. *The Strait Regional School Board supports the initiatives of governments and public health agencies in the eradication of smoking as a major health hazard.*