

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BAYFIELD

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

Any school official or employee who know or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect, or has reason to believe that a child has been threatened with abuse or neglect and that abuse or neglect or self inflicted harm will occur, shall immediately report it to the county child welfare agency. The school official or employee shall also immediately report the incident to the Red Cliff Indian Child Welfare Department when the child is a member of the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa. In addition, the employee shall report or cause a report to be made to the building principal or his/her designee or District Administrator

The statutes provide immunity from any liability, civil or criminal prosecution for reporting child abuse in good faith. The statutes also provide penalties for violating the act by failing to file mandated reports as required.

It is not the responsibility of the school official or employee who initiated the report to prove that the child has been neglected or abused.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Section 48.981 Wisconsin Statutes
Red Cliff Tribal Council Children Code Chapter 26

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