## ALBERTA HEALTH CARE SERVICES

## **Background**

Elk Island Catholic is committed to serve the children and parents within the context of Catholic teachings and traditions. The Board and schools are complimentary to the family, which is the primary agent for the child's formation.

## **Procedures**

- The Division confirms that parents or guardians are the primary educators and decision-makers for health care matters for their children, and the decision to receive health care services is a parental responsibility. The Division does not endorse any of the vaccines, processes, or health care activities administered by Alberta Health Services and defers to Alberta Health Services to determine the public health benefits.
- The Division recognizes that neither it nor its employees possess the expertise nor health care knowledge to determine the health care services to be directly provided to our students within our school communities. Alberta Health Services are community partners in serving our students and will provide assistance as necessary to care for our students.
- Specifically, the Division recognizes that all immunizations must be wholly voluntary, parental or guardian consent must be granted, and appropriate educational information must be provided with respect to each immunization to parents or guardians before consent is requested.
- 4. The Division may authorize the use of its facilities by Alberta Health Services for the purpose of delivering health care services or programs.

Reference: Section 18, 20, 45, 60, 61, 113 School Act

Public Health Act

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