

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT POLICY

- 1. The proposed Policy distinguishes between mandated reporters as defined by Connecticut statute and personnel who are not legally required to report suspicions to DCF directly, but still must inform their supervisor or the Assistant Director for Youth Development of their suspicions. If a non-mandated reporter as defined in the Policy chooses to report to DCF directly, they must also inform appropriate personnel.**
- 2. Copies of DCF-136 reports involving certified personnel must be sent to the Commissioner of Education regardless of whether DCF ultimately accepts the referral for investigation.**
- 3. The Superintendent makes the decision of whether to place school personnel who are the subject of a DCF referral on leave pending the DCF investigation based on a recommendation from the Assistant Superintendent for Youth Development.**
- 4. If a DCF referral involves a building rather than an individual, the reporter must inform the Assistant Superintendent for Youth Development of the report.**
- 5. The Office of Youth Development and Human Resources shall maintain a log of DCF referrals in which school personnel are the subject of the referral. Both offices will also maintain logs of suspicions that are not ultimately referred to DCF in which school personnel are the subjects.**
- 6. Copies of all DCF referrals involving non-school personnel will be maintained in the student's confidential health record. Documents regarding a decision not to refer a suspicion to DCF in which the subject of the referral is non-school personnel will also be maintained in the student's confidential health record. Logs concerning non-referrals will be submitted to the Office of Youth Development annually.**
- 7. School personnel who learn that they are the subject of a DCF investigation must inform the Assistant Superintendent for Youth Development and Human Resources.**