

**SUBJECT: SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE**

The District believes in the dignity of the individual and recognizes the rights of all people to equal employment opportunities in the workplace. In this regard, the District is committed to a policy of protecting and safeguarding the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain and hold employment without subjugation to harassment or discrimination in the workplace. It is the District's policy to provide an employment environment free from harassment and discrimination based on race, color, gender, religion, religious creed, sex, familial or marital status, age, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, genetic information/predisposition or carrier status, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, self-identified or perceived sex, gender expression, gender identity and the status of being transgender, pregnancy (including childbirth and related medical conditions, and including medical conditions related to lactation), citizenship, domestic violence victim's status or any other characteristics protected by applicable federal, state or local law. This policy addresses sexual harassment in the workplace and is one component of the District's commitment to a discrimination-free work environment. The District will provide this policy to all employees in writing. The District will post this policy prominently throughout the District to the extent practicable.

This policy applies to all instances of sexual harassment perpetrated against a "covered person," regardless of immigration status, by anyone in the workplace, including a co-worker, supervisor, or third-party such as a non-employee, paid or unpaid intern, vendor, building security, visitor, volunteer, parent, or student. For purposes of this policy, a "covered person" includes:

- a) Employees;
- b) Applicants for employment;
- c) Paid or unpaid interns; and
- d) Non-employees, which include anyone who is (or is employed by) a contractor, subcontractor, vendor, consultant, or other person providing services pursuant to a contract in the workplace.

Sexual harassment in the workplace can occur between any individuals, regardless of their sex or gender. Unlawful sexual harassment is not limited to the physical workplace itself. Sexual harassment can occur on school grounds, school buses or District vehicles, and at school-sponsored events, programs, or activities, including those that take place at locations off school premises. It can also occur while employees are traveling for District business. Calls, texts, emails, and social media usage can constitute unlawful workplace harassment, even if they occur away from school grounds, on personal devices, or during non-work hours.

**Definitions****“Prohibited Discrimination of Employees”**

Prohibited discrimination of employees can take the form of any adverse employment action against an employee, by either a District employee or official or a third party engaged in activities

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sponsored by the District which is based upon the employee's protected characteristic. Prohibited discrimination of employees also includes harassment based on a protected characteristic even where there is no tangible impact upon the employee's employment opportunities and/or employment benefits. The phrase "prohibited discrimination" as used in this policy includes all forms of prohibited discrimination and harassment based on a protected characteristic, including "Sexual Harassment" as defined below.

**"Harassment"**

Harassment is strictly prohibited and includes, but is not limited to, conduct that is unwelcome and has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's work performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment. Such harassment of employees is prohibited by this policy if it is based on a protected characteristic or directed at an individual because of a protected characteristic. In this regard, individuals subject to this policy should be mindful that conduct or behavior that is acceptable, amusing or inoffensive to some individuals may be viewed as unwelcome, abusive or offensive to others.

**"Sexual Harassment"**

Sexual harassment is strictly prohibited. It is a form of sex discrimination and is unlawful under federal, state, and (where applicable) local law. Sexual harassment includes harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, self-identified or perceived sex, gender expression, gender identify and the status of being transgender.

Sexual harassment includes unwelcome conduct which is either of a sexual nature, or which is directed at an individual because of that individual's sex when:

- a) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment, even if the reporting individual is not the intended target of the sexual harassment;
- b) Such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment; or
- c) Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting an individual's employment.

A sexually harassing hostile work environment includes, but is not limited to, words, signs, jokes, pranks, intimidation or physical violence which are of a sexual nature, or which are directed at an individual because of that individual's sex. Sexual harassment also consists of any unwanted verbal or physical advances, sexually explicit derogatory statements or sexually discriminatory remarks made by someone which are offensive or objectionable to the recipient, which cause the recipient discomfort or humiliation, which interfere with the recipient's job performance.

Sexual harassment also occurs when a person in authority tries to trade job benefits for sexual favors. This can include hiring, promotion, continued employment or any other terms, conditions or privileges of employment. This is also called "quid pro quo" harassment.

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Any covered person who feels harassed should report the conduct so that any violation of this policy can be corrected promptly. Any harassing conduct, even a single incident, can be addressed under this policy.

Examples of Sexual Harassment

The following describes some actions that may constitute unlawful sexual harassment and that are strictly prohibited:

a) Physical

Physical acts of a sexual nature, such as:

1. Touching, pinching, patting, kissing, hugging, grabbing, brushing against another person's body or poking another person's body; and
2. Rape, sexual battery, molestation or attempts to commit these assaults.

b) Verbal

Unwanted sexual advances or propositions, such as:

1. Requests for sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning the target's job performance evaluation, a promotion or other job benefits or detriments; and
2. Subtle or obvious pressure for unwelcome sexual activities.

c) Non-verbal

1. Sexually oriented gestures, noises, remarks or jokes, or comments about a person's sexuality or sexual experience, which create a hostile work environment.
2. Sex stereotyping, which occurs when conduct or personality traits are considered inappropriate simply because they may not conform to other people's ideas or perceptions about how individuals of a particular sex should act or look.
3. Sexual or discriminatory displays or publications anywhere in the workplace, such as pictures, posters, calendars, graffiti, objects, promotional material, reading materials, or other materials that are sexually demeaning or pornographic. This includes such sexual displays on workplace computers or cell phones and sharing such displays while in the workplace.

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Hostile actions taken against an individual because of that individual's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and the status of being transgender, such as:

1. Interfering with, destroying or damaging a person's workstation, tools or equipment, or otherwise interfering with the individual's ability to perform the job;
2. Sabotaging an individual's work; and
3. Bullying, yelling, or name-calling.

Sexual harassment is a form of employee misconduct, a violation of District policy, and unlawful. Employees of every level who engage in sexual harassment, including supervisory personnel who engage in sexual harassment, who knowingly allow such behavior to continue, or fail to report suspected sexual harassment will be subject to remedial and/or disciplinary action by the District. Sexual harassment may also subject the District to liability for harm to targets of sexual harassment. Harassers may also be individually subject to liability.

All employees, including but not limited to, District officials and supervisory personnel, are responsible for ensuring a work environment free from prohibited harassment and discrimination. All employees will be held responsible and accountable for avoiding or eliminating inappropriate conduct that may give rise to a claim of harassment or discrimination. Employees are encouraged to report violations to a supervisor, administrator, or the Compliance Officer, Maria Massaro, listed in this policy in accordance with the Complaint Procedure set for in this policy.

**Supervisory Responsibilities**

All supervisors, administrators, and school principals who receive a complaint or information about suspected sexual harassment, observe what may be sexually harassing behavior or for any reason suspect that sexual harassment is occurring, are required to report such suspected sexual harassment to the CRCO, Maria Massaro.

Furthermore, if any employee believes that any member of management has violated this policy or has not properly responded to and/or handled a report or concerns of discrimination or harassment, the employee should immediately contact the District's designated Compliance Officer. In the event the CRCO is the alleged harasser, the report will be directed to the Superintendent of Schools.

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**SUBJECT: SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE (Cont'd.)****Prohibition of Retaliatory Behavior (Whistle-Blower Protection)**

Unlawful retaliation can be any action that could discourage a covered person from coming forward to make or support a sexual harassment claim. Adverse action need not be job-related or occur in the workplace to constitute unlawful retaliation (e.g., threats of physical violence outside of work hours).

The District prohibits any retaliatory behavior directed against complainants, victims, witnesses, and/or any other individuals who participate in the investigation of a complaint of sexual harassment. Such retaliation is unlawful under federal, state, and (where applicable) local law. The New York State Human Rights Law protects any individual who has engaged in "protected activity." Protected activity occurs when a person has:

- a) Made a complaint of sexual harassment, either internally or with any anti-discrimination agency;
- b) Testified or assisted in a proceeding involving sexual harassment under the Human Rights Law or other anti-discrimination law;
- c) Opposed sexual harassment by making a verbal or informal complaint of harassment to a supervisor, administrator, school principal, or Maria Massaro, Civil Rights Compliance Officer (CRCO);
- d) Reported that another employee has been sexually harassed; or
- e) Encouraged a fellow employee to report harassment.

Even if the alleged harassment does not turn out to rise to the level of a violation of law, the individual is protected from retaliation if the person had a good faith belief that the practices were unlawful. However, the retaliation provision is not intended to protect persons making intentionally false charges of harassment.

Employees who engage in retaliation against any employee for making a good faith complaint of harassment or discrimination, for opposing in good faith any practices forbidden by applicable anti-discrimination laws or for filing a good faith complaint with, or otherwise participating in any manner in an internal workplace investigation or an external investigation, proceeding or hearing conducted by any federal or state agency charged with enforcing employment discrimination laws shall be subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

Complaints of retaliation or discrimination should be brought directly to the Compliance Officer. Such complaints will be promptly investigated. If retaliation is found, the person retaliating will be subject to corrective action up to and including termination from employment, or in the case of a non-employee, an appropriate remedy up to and including termination of the business relationship.

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**SUBJECT: SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE (Cont'd.)****Reporting Sexual Harassment**

Preventing sexual harassment is everyone's responsibility. The District cannot prevent or remedy sexual harassment unless it knows about it. Any covered person who has been subjected to behavior that may constitute sexual harassment is encouraged to report such behavior to a supervisor, administrator, school principal, or the CRCO, Maria Massaro. Anyone who witnesses or becomes aware of potential instances of sexual harassment should report such behavior as well.

Reports of sexual harassment may be made verbally or in writing. A form for submission of a written complaint is attached to this policy and posted on the District website, and all covered persons are encouraged to use this complaint form. Persons who are reporting sexual harassment on behalf of another person should use the complaint form and note that it is being submitted on another person's behalf.

Because an accurate record of the allegedly objectionable behavior is necessary to resolve a complaint of prohibited discrimination or harassment, the District encourages employees to place complaints in writing, even if originally made orally. If an employee has any questions or difficulty filling out the complaint form, she/he can obtain assistance from the Compliance Officer or the supervisor to which she/he complained. All complaints should include: the name of the complaining party, the name of the alleged offender(s), date(s) of the incident(s), description of the incident(s), names of witnesses to the incident(s) and the signature of the complaining party.

Once the complaining party has completed and dated a complaint, with or without the assistance of the District's Compliance Officer or a supervisor, the written complaint, or oral complaint as the case may be, should be promptly forwarded to the District's Compliance Officer.

Complainants are expected to cooperate with the District's investigation procedures by providing all relevant information relating to the complaint, as are other supervisory and non-supervisory employees having relevant or related knowledge or information.

Any person who believes they have been a target of sexual harassment may also seek assistance in other available forums, as explained below in the section on Legal Protections.

In addition to being subject to discipline if they engaged in sexually harassing conduct themselves, supervisors, administrators, and school principals will be subject to discipline for failing to report suspected sexual harassment or otherwise knowingly allowing sexual harassment to continue.

Supervisors, administrators and school principals will also be subject to discipline for engaging in any retaliation.

**Time for Reporting a Complaint**

Prompt reporting of all complaints is strongly encouraged. All employees should be aware that appropriate resolution of complaints and effective remedial action oftentimes is possible only when complaints are promptly filed.

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The District shall keep complaints as confidential as is consistent with a thorough investigation, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and other laws and regulations regarding employees. To the extent complaints made under this policy implicate criminal conduct, the District may be required by law to contact and cooperate with the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

**Acknowledgement of Complaint**

Upon receipt of an oral or written complaint, the Compliance Officer should endeavor to contact promptly the complainant to confirm that the complaint has been received. If the complainant does not receive such confirmation promptly, she/he is encouraged to contact the Compliance Officer or her/his supervisor or the supervisor to whom the complaint was made to ensure its receipt. The purpose of this acknowledgment procedure is to ensure that all complaints are received by authorized individuals, carefully processed and promptly investigated.

**Investigating Complaints**

All complaints or information about sexual harassment will be investigated, whether that information was reported in verbal or written form. Investigations will be conducted in a timely manner, and will be confidential to the extent possible.

An investigation of any complaint, information or knowledge of suspected sexual harassment will be prompt and thorough, commenced immediately and completed as soon as possible. The investigation will be kept confidential to the extent possible. Disclosure may, however, be necessary to complete a thorough investigation of the charges and/or notify law enforcement officials. All persons involved, including complainants, witnesses, and alleged harassers will be accorded due process, as outlined below, and in accordance with any applicable collective bargaining agreements to protect their rights to a fair and impartial investigation.

The District will not tolerate retaliation against anyone who files complaints, supports another's complaint, or participates in an investigation regarding a violation of this policy.

While the process may vary from case to case, investigations should be done in accordance with the following steps:

- a) Upon receipt of a complaint, the CRCO will conduct an immediate review of the allegations, and take any interim actions (e.g., instructing the respondent to refrain from communications with the complainant), as appropriate. In the event that the CRCO is the alleged harasser, the complaint will be directed to another CRCO or District designee for investigation.
- b) If a complaint is verbal, encourage the individual to complete the complaint form, which is available on the District website, in writing. If he or she refuses, prepare a complaint form based on the verbal reporting.

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- c) If documents, emails, or phone records are relevant to the investigation, take steps to obtain and preserve them.
- d) Request and review all relevant documents, including all electronic communications.
- e) Interview all parties involved, including any relevant witnesses. If a student is involved, the District will follow all applicable District policies and procedures regarding questioning students.
- f) Create written documentation of the investigation (such as a letter, memo or email), which contains the following:
  - 1. A list of all documents reviewed, along with a detailed summary of relevant documents;
  - 2. A list of names of those interviewed, along with a detailed summary of their statements;
  - 3. A timeline of events;
  - 4. A summary of prior relevant incidents, reported or unreported; and
  - 5. The basis for the decision and final resolution of the complaint, together with any corrective action(s).
- g) Keep the written documentation and associated documents in a secure and confidential location.
- h) Promptly notify the individual who reported and the individual(s) about whom the complaint was made of the final determination and implement any corrective actions identified in the written document.
- i) Inform the individual who reported of the right to file a complaint or charge externally as outlined in the next section.

If an investigation reveals that discrimination or harassment has occurred, the District will take immediate corrective action as warranted. This action will be taken in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, as well as any and all relevant codes of conduct, District policies and administrative regulations, collective bargaining agreements, and/or third-party contracts.

While disciplinary action may be appropriate in certain instances, punitive measures are not the exclusive means for responding to prohibited discrimination or harassment. During the pendency of any investigation being conducted pursuant to this policy, remedial measures may be taken if appropriate and necessary.

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The District shall maintain a written record of all complaints of discrimination and/or harassment for a period of at least three years. The District shall also document the steps taken with regard to investigations, as well as conclusions reached and remedial action taken, if any. The District shall also maintain separate and apart from personnel records in a secure and confidential location.

**Annual Training**

The District will provide a sexual harassment prevention training program to all employees on an annual basis. The training will be interactive and will include:

- a) An explanation of sexual harassment consistent with guidance issued by the Department of Labor in consultation with the Division of Human Rights;
- b) Examples of conduct that would constitute unlawful sexual harassment;
- c) Information concerning the federal and state statutory provisions concerning sexual harassment and remedies available to victims of sexual harassment;
- d) Information concerning employees' rights of redress and all available forums for adjudicating complaints; and
- e) Information addressing conduct by supervisors and any additional responsibilities for such supervisors.

**Legal Protections and External Remedies**

Sexual harassment is not only prohibited by the District but is also prohibited by state, federal, and, where applicable, local law.

Aside from the District's internal process, individuals may also choose to pursue legal remedies with the following governmental entities. While a private attorney is not required to file a complaint with a governmental agency, an individual may seek the legal advice of an attorney.

In addition to those outlined below, individuals may have additional legal protections.

**State Human Rights Law (HRL)**

The Human Rights Law (HRL), codified as N.Y. Executive Law, art. 15, § 290 et seq., applies to all employers in New York State with regard to sexual harassment, and protects covered persons, regardless of immigration status. A complaint alleging violation of the Human Rights Law may be filed either with the Division of Human Rights (DHR) or in New York State Supreme Court.

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Complaints with DHR may be filed any time within one year of the harassment. If an individual did not file with DHR, they can sue directly in state court under the HRL, within three years of the alleged sexual harassment. An individual may not file with DHR if they have already filed a HRL complaint in state court.

Complaining internally to the District does not extend your time to file with DHR or in court. The one year or three years is counted from the date of the most recent incident of harassment.

Individuals do not need an attorney to file a complaint with DHR, and there is no cost to file with DHR.

DHR will investigate your complaint and determine whether there is probable cause to believe that sexual harassment has occurred. Probable cause cases are forwarded to a public hearing before an administrative law judge. If sexual harassment is found after a hearing, DHR has the power to award relief, which varies but may include requiring your employer to take action to stop the harassment, or redress the damage caused, including paying of monetary damages, attorney's fees and civil fines.

DHR's main office contact information is: NYS Division of Human Rights, One Fordham Plaza, Fourth Floor, Bronx, New York 10458. Individuals may call (718) 741-8400 or visit: [www.dhr.ny.gov](http://www.dhr.ny.gov).

Contact DHR at (888) 392-3644 or visit [dhr.ny.gov/complaint](http://dhr.ny.gov/complaint) for more information about filing a complaint. The website has a complaint form that can be downloaded, filled out, notarized and mailed to DHR. The website also contains contact information for DHR's regional offices across New York State.

**Civil Rights Act of 1964**

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the 1964 federal Civil Rights Act (codified as 42 USC § 2000e et seq.). An individual can file a complaint with the EEOC anytime within 300 days from the harassment. There is no cost to file a complaint with the EEOC. The EEOC will investigate the complaint, and determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred, at which point the EEOC will issue a Right to Sue letter permitting the individual to file a complaint in federal court.

The EEOC does not hold hearings or award relief, but may take other action including pursuing cases in federal court on behalf of complaining parties. Federal courts may award remedies if discrimination is found to have occurred. In general, private employers must have at least 15 employees to come within the jurisdiction of the EEOC.

An individual alleging discrimination at work can file a "Charge of Discrimination." The EEOC has district, area, and field offices where complaints can be filed. Contact the EEOC by calling 1-800-669-4000 (TTY: 1-800-669-6820), visiting their website at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov) or via email at [info@eeoc.gov](mailto:info@eeoc.gov).

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If an individual filed an administrative complaint with DHR, DHR will file the complaint with the EEOC to preserve the right to proceed in federal court.

Title IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity. The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

For more information about how to file a complaint, contact OCR at 800-421-3481 (TDD 800-877-8339) or visit: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/howto.html>. The website contains information about filing the complaint online, by mail, or by email.

Local Protections

Many localities enforce laws protecting individuals from sexual harassment and discrimination. An individual should contact the county, city or town in which they live to find out if such a law exists.

Local Police Department

If the harassment involves unwanted physical touching, coerced physical confinement or coerced sex acts, the conduct may constitute a crime. Contact the local police department.

Questions

Any questions by employees of the District about this policy or potential harassment or discrimination should be brought to the attention of the District's Compliance Officer. The name, address, and telephone number of the District's Compliance Officer is listed immediately below.

Compliance Officer

Maria A. Massaro  
Adm. for Human Resources  
630 – 66<sup>th</sup> Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
Telephone: (716) 286 – 1260

Superintendent of Schools

Mark Laurrie  
Superintendent of Schools  
630 – 66<sup>th</sup> Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
Telephone: (716) 286 - 4205

Effective Date and Policy Dissemination

The effective date of this policy shall be October 9, 2018. The Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that this policy is adequately disseminated and made available to all employees of the District. This policy shall be distributed at the beginning of each year with or as part of the annual assignment

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letter to employees that may be appropriate. In addition, copies of this policy and complaint form shall be maintained in the office of the Compliance officer as well as the District's Policy Book that is available on the District website at [www.nfschools.net](http://www.nfschools.net).

Upon the effective date of this policy, the provisions of this policy shall supersede and replace the following prior District policies and regulations regarding employee discrimination and harassment.

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS**

COMPLAINT FORM

*In order to assist City School District of the City of Niagara Falls in investigating your allegations of harassment, discrimination or retaliation in a prompt and thorough fashion, please complete this form to the best of your abilities and with as much detail as you are able. Once completed, please submit this form to the District Compliance Officer identified in the District's Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment. If additional space is needed in order to respond to any question below, please attach additional pages as necessary and identify which question corresponds to the information set forth in the additional pages. Any questions regarding this form may be directed to the District Compliance Officer. No individual will be retaliated against for filing a complaint.*

Name of Complainant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please circle the number you'd prefer us to call)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Victim (if different than Complainant): \_\_\_\_\_

Basis of this complaint (check all that apply):

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race/color      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender expression      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age             | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender identity        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender status     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability      | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetic predisposition |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sex/gender         | <input type="checkbox"/> Military/veteran status         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual harassment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy          | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Religious creed        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marital Status     | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence victim status |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Familial Status    | <input type="checkbox"/> Retaliation                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Not Sure                  |

If checked "Other/Not Sure," please briefly explain:

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Time(s) and date(s) the incident(s) took place:

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Name(s) and office address of the individual who allegedly engaged in the harassment, discrimination or retaliation. If more than one, list all.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Identify all persons who witnessed the incident(s) described above:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please identify any other persons you believe have knowledge important to the incident(s) in question, including his/her contact information and a brief description of the knowledge held by each person:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you filed a complaint or charge with a Federal, State, or Local Government agency related to the incident(s) identified above?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has this incident or occurrence been previously reported to City School District of the City of Niagara Falls?

Y  N. If yes, when and to whom?

\_\_\_\_\_

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If the incident or occurrence has been previously reported, please describe the remedy, outcome or resolution:

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**I swear or affirm that I have read the above complaint and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.**

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Complainant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Received by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Print Name:

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**For Employer Use Only – To be Completed Upon Receipt**

Recipient of Complaint (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date, Time and Manner (e.g. personal delivery, mailbox, etc.) of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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In accordance with the Sexual Harassment Policy of the City School District of the City of Niagara Falls Board of Education, I have given my written assurance that the unwelcome behavior will stop.

The incident is deemed closed. However, I realize the complaint may be reopened for investigation if a recurrence of sexual harassment or retaliatory action are reported.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Alleged Harasser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Immediate Supervisor/  
School Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ I am satisfied with the resolution to the above sexual harassment incident.  
The incident is deemed closed. However, the complaint may be reopened for investigation if a recurrence of sexual harassment is reported.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Complainant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not satisfied with the resolution and require a formal complaint to be filed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Complainant

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Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC § 2000e et seq.  
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USC § 1681 et seq.  
29 CFR § 1604.11(a)  
34 CFR Subtitle B, Chapter I  
Civil Service Law § 75-B  
Executive Law Article 15  
Labor Law § 201-g

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #3420 -- Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District  
#6122 -- Employee Grievances  
#7551 -- Sexual Harassment of Students

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