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1. A pregnant student's right to privacy shall be safeguarded as much as possible.
2. If a student is under the age of sixteen, or if there is a danger to the physical or psychological health of the student, a member of the family must be informed of the pregnancy by the principal or designate.
3. Educators shall support Catholic teaching that the child in the womb is human, and has rights equal to those of a human being, and that no reason justifies the ending of a human life before birth.
4. A loving, affirming, non-judgmental environment, and psychological and religious guidance, shall be made available to the pregnant student.
5. It is understood that having compassion for a troubled person does not imply that one condones the person's behaviour.
6. A pregnant student may continue to attend classes as long as she is comfortable doing so.
7. Should the student no longer wish to attend school, the Board will make alternative arrangements for the continuation of the student's education for a reasonable period of time before and after the birth of the child.
8. A student who has fathered a child should be counselled to accept responsibility, and to participate in the decision making in whatever ways are considered appropriate by the person who is pregnant.
9. A loving, affirming, non-judgmental environment, and psychological and religious guidance, should be made available to a student who has fathered a child.
10. A student who has had an abortion has a right to confidentiality and to compassionate counselling and support.
11. Extensive support should be made available to a student who has given birth, so that she may deal successfully with either adoption or parenting, and also consider her education.
12. Units on Christian Parenting should be made available to all students through the Religious Education program.

13. Where and when possible the Board will assist in the procurement of day care arrangements.