



SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Lisa D.S. Bildy,

Re: Section 177 Appeal by Lara Yates

Thank you for your correspondence. The family has now exhausted the District's internal appeal process with respect to the section 177 order.

We acknowledge your comment that the Ombudsperson is not an appeal body. That is correct. The Office of the Ombudsperson does not function as a further level of appeal. It is, however, an independent office that individuals may contact if they believe they have been treated unfairly by a public body. If they find that there has been any administrative unfairness, they will work towards achieving a fair and reasonable resolution of the complaint.

For clarity, the section 177 order relates solely to the parent's access to school property. It does not restrict the children's ability to attend school, participate in classes, access supports, or engage fully in their educational program. The children continue to have full access to instruction, school-based services, and extracurricular opportunities.

The order does not prevent communication between the parent and the school. Meetings with school-based team members or administrators may continue through established channels, including virtual participation where appropriate. In urgent circumstances requiring student pick-up, arrangements can be made that do not require the parent to enter school property.

The section 177 order is not indefinite in nature. It may be reviewed, varied, or rescinded if circumstances warrant. Any consideration of modification would require confidence that school functions can proceed without disruption and that expectations regarding conduct on school property will be respected. Once that assurance is established, the Principal can consider what, if any, adjustments may be appropriate. This is the reason for the Principal's request for a discussion with Ms. Yates. The Principal needs to speak with Ms. Yates to determine whether Ms. Yates will commit to conducting herself in a manner

that is not disruptive to the functioning of the school. It is regrettable that you view this as somehow inappropriate. Regardless of your view, it is the appropriate procedure for the Principal to follow in considering whether or when the s. 177 order will be discontinued and we strongly encourage Ms. Yates to meet with the Principal as requested.

Should Ms. Yates decline to meet, the District/Principal would be prepared to consider a written undertaking from her confirming that, if permitted on school property, she will not engage in disruptive activity including the kind she engaged in on December 4, 2025. To this end, she will need to confirm in writing her undertaking to:

1. Comply fully with all school and District policies and administrative procedures;
2. Conduct herself in a respectful and non-disruptive manner toward all staff and students;
3. Follow all reasonable directions of school administrators while on school property; and
4. Refrain from conduct that interferes with the safe and orderly operation of the school.

Any such written undertaking would be reviewed by the Principal to determine whether it provides sufficient assurance to permit reconsideration of the order. The Principal reserves the right to maintain, vary, or rescind the section 177 order based on its assessment of the circumstances

The District remains committed to maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment for all students and staff, while ensuring that the children continue to receive appropriate educational programming and support.

Sincerely,



Kate Kerr
Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Ms. Jennifer Roberts, Assistant Superintendent, Sunshine Coast School District 46