Board Policy JGI: Child Abuse or Neglect

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The Board of Public Education for Bibb County ("Board') is committed to the safety, well-being and protection of children. In accordance with Georgia law O.C.G.A. § 19-7-5, all employees of the Bibb County School District ("District"), as well as persons who attend to a child pursuant to their duties as a volunteer for the District, who have reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred shall notify the principal or the District's designee, who shall report such abuse immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the time there is reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred, in accordance with Georgia law and the protocol for handling child abuse cases for Bibb County, Georgia.

Under no circumstances shall the principal or designee to whom a report of child abuse has been made exercise any control, restraint, modification or make any other change to the information provided by a mandated reporter, although the reporter may be consulted prior to the making of a report and may provide any additional relevant and necessary information when making the report.