

**School District #62 (Sooke)**

<b>PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS</b>	No.: C-426
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**SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

The Board of Education believes that students in British Columbia should have access to healthy and effective learning environments. The school system is expected to promote gender equality and create an inclusive learning experience. Lack of access to menstrual products can negatively impact students' school attendance and their social-emotional well-being. Providing all students with convenient access to free menstrual products helps to support their full participation in school activities, reduces stigma and promotes gender equality.

The Board of Education, in keeping with Ministry of Education Policy, will ensure that schools, on or before September 2019, begin providing menstrual products to students of all gender identities and expressions using delivery methods that:

- are free of charge;
- protect privacy;
- are barrier free, consistent in delivery, and easily accessible in washrooms;
- are non-stigmatizing;
- take into account the developmental levels of the student population;

In addition, consideration must be given to student feedback with respect to the provision of menstrual products.