

**DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND CONTRABAND SEARCHES**

The Bethel Board of Education believes that in order to respond to the drug and alcohol abuse problems in our schools and to maintain a reasonably safe school environment, the district will occasionally use trained dogs to search for drugs, alcohol, or contraband on school property.

Such searches will be arranged by the superintendent at his/her discretion and will target only school property including lockers and vehicle parking areas. Students, staff members, and other persons on school property will not be the subject of animal searches and will be searched by the superintendent, a principal, a teacher, or school security personnel in accordance with state law and school policy only if reasonable suspicion for a specific student arises during a search of school property.

The superintendent is directed to prepare a regulation implementing and supporting this policy.