

## MOTION

No. 42

### **Urging the Child and Youth Advocate to undertake a preview of the Public School Branch sexual violence policy**

Karla Bernard gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Hannah Bell, the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** the current Public School Branch *Caring Places to Learn Policy* which includes policy related to sexual violence was implemented in 2018 and has not been externally reviewed and updated to ensure its comprehensiveness;

**AND WHEREAS** Prince Edward Island has taken significant steps in supporting effective and thorough sexual violence policies in post-secondary institutions with the royal assent of the *Post-Secondary Institutions Sexual Violence Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** over twenty Island women have recently come forward with sexual touching allegations towards an Island school teacher that spanned three decades, some of which were, at the time, reported to senior school officials, the police and the Education Department, but ended in no public, immediate action being taken;

**AND WHEREAS** grade school students have the right to feel safe when they attend school and to have clear policies in place to protect their rights and give them a voice should they need it;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge the Child and Youth Advocate to undertake a full review of the Public School Branch policies as they relate to sexual violence;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to implement any changes that the Child and Youth Advocate recommends after said review.

Signed by: Karla Bernard

Signed by: Hannah Bell

Date: November 12, 2019