

# Resources for Parents and Teachers

## Where can I find relevant information for parents or teachers?

Here are a couple of sources:

### 1. **Office of the Information Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC)**

The [IPC website](#) serves as a research and information tool. It is updated regularly and includes:

- Information about the IPC's role and answers to frequently asked questions about access and privacy, including Ontario's *Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA)*;
- Annual reports;
- The text of the provincial and municipal *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Acts*, as well as plain language summaries and the text of *PHIPA*;
- IPC orders, investigation reports and judicial reviews, with subject and section number indices;
- IPC publications such as policy papers, fact sheets and guidelines;
- FOI request, appeal, privacy complaint and other forms;
- Links to other access and privacy websites in Canada and around the world; and
- Links to other websites that provide information about access and privacy.

### 2. **MFIPPA OFFICER** at your school board. This person interprets and administers freedom of information matters and requests.

### 3. **PIM Toolkit** These documents provide practical suggestions with respect to records maintenance and privacy issues and make reference to portions of applicable legislation including the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56; Personal Health Information Protection Act, S.O. 2004, c.3, Schedule A; and the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2.

### 4. IPC's **A Guide to Ontario's Legislation Covering the Release of Student's Personal Information** provides students, parents and school board staff with a basic understanding of how the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act interacts with the Education Act to protect privacy and provide access to the personal information of students.

**On the chance that lawyers, advocates, emancipated students or trustees are involved in the process, what is important for me to know, from the perspective of privacy and information management?**