

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION ON

REVISED BOARD POLICY 02-0036-000 DRESS CODE

June 24, 2024

Background Information:

The Board maintains a manual which sets forth the various policies of the Harford County Public Schools. The manual contains policies which are either required by federal and state law and regulation or which are, in the Board's judgment, necessary and appropriate for the school system to operate in a lawful, appropriate and effective manner.

Discussion:

The Board Policy entitled 02-0036-000 Dress Code was last affirmed on March 21, 2005.

The Board of Education requested the administration to propose a revised Dress Code policy. Based on extensive work of the HCPS Equity Committee, the proposed policy revision is similar to language previously updated in the student handbook. The Equity Committee conducted stakeholder engagement to draft the language, including central and school-based staff and students. As the policy language echoes the work of the Equity Committee and the student handbook, the schools are familiar with the intent and requirements.

The proposed, revised policy was presented to the Board Policy Review Committee on June 12, 2024, and is moving forward to the Board of Education as presented at the committee.

Attachments:

1. Proposed, revised policy entitled 02-0036-000 Dress Code
2. Current 02-0036-000 Dress Code policy

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board review for possible approval at a future meeting, the proposed, revised policy entitled 02-0036-000 Dress Code.