

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION ON

PROPOSED BOARD POLICY

Administration of Stock Bronchodilators in School

October 27, 2025

Background Information:

The Board maintains a manual which sets forth the various policies of the Harford County Public Schools (“HCPS”). 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:

During the 2024 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 86: Public and Nonpublic Schools -Bronchodilators – Use, Availability, Training, and Policies. This bill (now Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 7-426.6), requires the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with county boards, to establish a policy authorizing the school nurse and designated school personnel who have undergone specific training to administer a bronchodilator to a student who is determined to be, or perceived to be, experiencing asthma-related symptoms or is perceived to be in respiratory distress; except for prekindergarten students, the policy shall authorize administration of a bronchodilator regardless of whether the student has been diagnosed with asthma or reactive airway disease or has been prescribed a bronchodilator. Board Policy Review Committee met and reviewed the proposed new policy on August 18, 2025. No issues, concerns, or objections were raised at that time.

Attachments

1. Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 7-426.6
2. Proposed New Policy: Administration of Stock Bronchodilators in School

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education review the proposed policy Stock Bronchodilator Policy, for possible approval at the December 15th Board meeting.