

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT
PRESENTATION ON THE
STUDENT DISCIPLINE LAWS AND SCHOOL SAFETY
OCTOBER 21, 2024

Background Information:

Following several high-profile school safety incidents, stakeholders have requested information about school safety. During early October, Superintendent's student discipline hearing officer Buzz Williams updated small groups of board members on the laws and regulations related to student discipline and criminal reportable offenses. Dr. Poynton and Superintendent Bulson requested this information be shared during a board business meeting so the information could be shared with a wider audience.

Discussion:

This presentation provides an overview of laws and regulations related to student discipline and criminal reportable offenses. The topics include Buzz Williams' qualifications, the maximum legal consequences for disruptive and violent behavior, the law authorizing removal of students with juvenile charges, and the consequences for failing to follow the laws.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education accept this informational report and presentation on Student Discipline Laws and School Safety.