

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT DECISION ON
PROPOSED BOARD POLICY

Administration of Stock Bronchodilators in School

December 15, 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.

This proposed new policy was presented to the Board at the October 27, 2025 Board business meeting. This policy was then posted for public comment for thirty (30) days. One (1) comment was received and forwarded to the Board for review.

Attachments

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

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

For the foregoing reasons, the Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the attached proposed policy entitled “Administration of Stock Bronchodilators in School”.