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Board of Education
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Dear Board Members,

I write to you to today in support of the proposed changes to Board of Education Policy 5561 – STUDENTS: Conduct-School Use of Reportable Offenses.

This rule change would require law enforcement agencies to notify the Superintendent when a student has been arrested for a ‘reportable offense’ and require that the Superintendent provide guidance to schools on how to respond to such reports.

The need for this rule change was made all too clear during this past school year – when a confirmed sexual offender was allowed to attend classes with underage students, resulting in harm to other students. As community leaders, we absolutely cannot allow this to happen again.

Classrooms are meant to be places of learning and growth – something that is unfortunately impossible if safety is not guaranteed. This rule change will go a long way in ensuring that our schools are once again places where parents can feel confident in the safety of their children.

I am gratified to see the Board taking this issue seriously. We must do everything in our power to protect students from any bad actors, and I believe that the rule change to Board of Education Policy 5561 helps further that cause.

I humbly urge your support. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl Jackson".

Delegate Carl Jackson