

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston School Committee

FROM: Jeff Becker, Office of Legal Advisor

RE: Code of Conduct

DATE: August 27, 2014

cc: Mr. John McDonough, Interim Superintendent

This memo is to update the Boston School Committee (“BSC”) on some minor changes made to the Code of Conduct which had been submitted for your approval at the July 16, 2014 meeting. Upon hearing feedback from members of the BSC and communicating with the Code of Conduct Advisory Committee (“CoCAC”), the Code of Conduct is being presented with these changes:

- 1) Language was added to Section 7.9.4 to further clarify the procedures and rights surrounding the search of a student’s cell phone. In particular, reference was added limited the duration and scope of the search.
- 2) Additional reference regarding the communication of the student’s right, prior to the hearing, to review the student record and/or evidence to be presented at the hearing was added to section 9.4.2 (“Procedures Preceding the Suspension Hearing”).
- 3) Although contained in the document in several different locations already, a reference to attachment 5 (List of Legal Services and other Advocacy groups) was added to Exhibit 3 “The Appeal Process, Step by Step” per CoCAC request.

We look forward to your vote approving this new Code in September.