STUDENT BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS: PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION

The Board recognizes that there are the occasions where physical restraint of a student is appropriate. Physical restraint may be necessary to ensure the safety of the student(s), school staff, and/or others. It is recognized that physical restraint will be used when necessary and with force only great enough to contain the situation and establish a safe school environment. The superintendent is directed to develop regulations to govern the use of physical restraint in Cecil County Public Schools and provide appropriate training of staff.

The Board recognizes that physical restraint or seclusion are prohibited in public agencies until there is an emergency situation and physical restraint or seclusion is necessary to protect a student or other person from imminent, serious, physical harm and after other less, intrusive, nonphysical interventions have failed or determined inappropriate. Under no circumstances should physical restraint or seclusion be used for discipline or staff convenience.