

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 10-1.3 ENTITLED “SCHOOL VISITORS GENERALLY; PARENTS; BOARD MEMBERS” OF THE POLICIES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD – FIRST READING AND ADOPTION**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the School Board of the City of Suffolk, Virginia that Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-1.3 entitled “School Visitors Generally; Parents; Board Members” of the Policies of the Suffolk City School Board, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 10-1.3. School Visitors Generally; Parents; Board Members.** — A. Visitors are welcome in the schools as long as their presence is not disruptive. Upon arriving at a school, all visitors must report to the administrative office and sign-in. Potential visitors, including parents, who are registered sex offenders, should consult School Board Policy Section 10-19.3, and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information before arriving at school property or school sponsored activities. The school division expects mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct from all individuals on school property and at school events. Unauthorized persons, including suspended and expelled students, will be requested to leave school grounds by the building administrator. Unauthorized persons who fail to leave the school grounds or school activity as requested will be considered trespassers. The School Board authorizes the superintendent to take all necessary actions regarding the safety, order and preservation of the educational environment on School Board property or at school division sponsored activities. Law enforcement may be called to enforce this policy.

Anyone, including students, who enters a school at nighttime without the consent of an authorized person except to attend an approved meeting or service or who enters or remains on any school property, including school buses, in violation of (i) any direction to vacate the property by an authorized individual or (ii) any posted notice which contains such information, posted at a place where it reasonably may be seen may be prosecuted.

B. Parents are encouraged to visit the schools on scheduled days for conferences with teachers, assemblies, PTA meetings, volunteer service and other school programs. Noncustodial parents are not denied, solely on the basis of their non-custodial status, the opportunity to participate in any of the student's school or day care activities in which such participation is supported or encouraged by the policies of the School Board.

C. Periodically, Board members may visit schools within the division. The purpose of these visits is to assist in fulfilling their responsibilities and increase understanding of actual educational practices. School Board members follow the same procedures applicable to all other visitors when visiting a school. (Adopted June 9, 2016; Ordinance Number 15/16-111; Effective Date: July 1, 2016; Revised February 14, 2019; Ordinance Number 18/19-57; Effective Date: February 14, 2019)

**Legal Authority** – Virginia Code §§ 18.2-128, 18.2-415, 22.1-4.3, and 22.1-79, as amended.

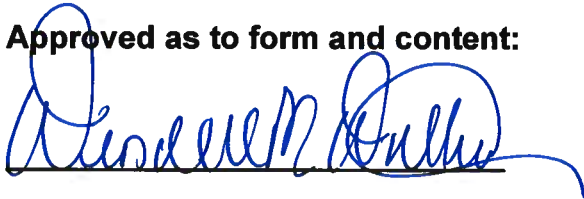
**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, subsections, sections and chapters of the School Board's Policy Manual not amended or repealed shall remain in full force and effect.

**FIRST READING AND ADOPTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TESTE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved as to form and content:**

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**Wendell M. Waller, Esquire  
School Board Attorney**