

## ***Policy Committee – April 22, 2020***

*Mr. Palen reported out at the April 22, 2020 Board of Education meeting that on the April 22, 2020 Board Agenda there is a recommendation to approve the suspension of policies #7301, #7302, #7330, and #7340 due to the COVID-19 school closure as well as authorize the Superintendent to develop a rating scale for the Fourth Marking Period and to create a formula for final averages of credit/diploma bearing courses and non-credit/diploma bearing courses.*

*In addition, Mr. Castle noted that we have policies that reference the grading policies for grades 6-12 and the use of Regent Exams. Since the State suspended the Regents exams for June, the District would not be able to apply these current policies; thus, they needed to be suspended. The District has created a draft rating scale for the fourth marking period which is being reviewed with administrators. The District also must come up with a formula to determine final averages because the Regents exams and final exams are tied to the final average. Mr. Castle recognizes that our students as well as our teachers may have challenges when it comes to online learning. Thus, the District needs to ensure that the fourth marking period and final average formula are valid and fair. Since there are many variables that will impact the education and the advancement of our students, the District is going to take a very fair and flexible approach. Mr. Castle also commented that our teachers, students, and parents are doing an unbelievable job. The overall goal is to ensure that our students are assessed in a very fair and valid manner.*