

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2019, Legislative Day No. 39

Resolution No. 47-19

Introduced by the Entire Council

By the County Council, November 4, 2019

1 RESOLUTION concerning the proper handling and reporting of all incidents, assaults,  
2 and crimes committed in Anne Arundel County Public Schools or during school sponsored  
3 events

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5 WHEREAS, in recent weeks there have been numerous reports from students,  
6 parents, and school officials regarding negative incidents and potential crimes  
7 committed in Anne Arundel County Public Schools (“AACPS”) or, at times, during  
8 AACPS sponsored events; and

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10 WHEREAS, the County Council recently heard testimony offered at a legislative  
11 session by parents and concerned citizens regarding an alleged sexual assault during  
12 an AACPS sponsored event; and

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14 WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of students in schools are necessary to a  
15 successful educational system; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County should conduct a  
18 careful and thorough review of its policies and procedures concerning the handling  
19 and reporting of sexual assaults, hate crimes, or racially motivated incidents that  
20 occur during school hours or during AACPS sponsored and hosted events; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Board of Education should ensure that its policies and procedures  
23 are also current, available, and easily accessible to all AACPS students, families,  
24 teachers, and school officials; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Board of Education should also carefully consider the  
27 environment and control measures to be used during AACPS events and activities  
28 so that all students feel safe and protected; and

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30 WHEREAS, other County based agencies, including the Anne Arundel County’s  
31 Police Department, Office of the State’s Attorney, and Department of Health,  
32 should contribute their resources to support the Board of Education and AACPS in  
33 protecting students and offering strong support to students who become victims;  
34 and

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36 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of our entire community to ensure the safety of  
37 our students and help our youth succeed; now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it supports*  
2 *the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County in improving the climate in all of its*  
3 *schools and encourages the Board to conduct a thorough review of its policies and*  
4 *procedures concerning the handling and reporting of sexual assaults, hate crimes, or*  
5 *racially motivated incidents that occur during school hours or during school sponsored and*  
6 *hosted events; and be it further*

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8        *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman*  
9 *and to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County.*

READ AND PASSED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019

By Order:



JoAnne Gray  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 47-19 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY  
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Andrew Pruski  
Chairman