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To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

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Subject: Board Policy JM – Contests for Students

As we discussed and analyzed during the Study Session of May 6, 2019, without additional context, this policy from 1988 raises more questions than it answers. The term 'contests' is a broad term and it is unclear whether it references academic, athletic, or other skills and talents. Feedback is unanimous among the secondary principals that the policy is not meaningful or relevant to their day-to-day operations. Principals will generally encourage student participation in appropriate contests such as PTSA Reflections, DECA competitions, and State of Michigan initiatives. With regard to our effort to clean up the LPS Policy book, my recommendation is to eliminate Policy JM.

Please include Policy JM Revision/Elimination on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 13, 2019.

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Attachment