

November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Public Comments

Name	Email	Topic	Public Comment
Anthony Hale	awadehale@gmail.com	Virtual Learning	<p>Dear Charleston County School Board, This is now the second time school is closed due to inclement weather. I greatly appreciate the concern for our children's safety. However, it is unjust to also add the burden of a virtual learning day and more stress to the parent/guardian and child.</p> <p>Fortunately, I have a flexible schedule which allows me to drop my job responsibilities and assume the role of an educator at the last minute. However, many children in our county live in poverty when a guardian may not have the ability to change their schedule , or may risk losing their job or wages from having to call out at the last minute, to assume the role of educator.</p> <p>I truly hope you all will reconsider these decisions and be thoughtful and more deliberate of your entire constituency.</p> <p>I purposely did not send this to my child's school, as this is not a school issue, it is a county opportunity for improvement.</p> <p>Best, Anthony Hale</p>
Honor Marks	honormarks@att.net	Policy JKA Physical Force– please include stricken section	<p>Good morning, I'm a CCSD parent writing to ask that the Board please include the section stricken from the SCSBA recommended RESTRAINT, SECLUSION, AND INTENTIONAL PHYSICAL CONTACT policy that limits when restraint and seclusion can be used. South Carolina is one of only two states in the country (!!) that doesn't have a policy regarding restraint and seclusion. Children with special needs will be most affected by the elimination of this pivotal requirement by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Horry County was recently investigated by the US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) for concerns " 'about the staff's use of restraint or seclusion to address non-compliant student behavior' and that staff didn't limit the use of the techniques to emergency situations, according to a letter addressed to Superintendent Rick Maxey." https://www.wbtw.com/news/grand-strand/horry-county/horry-county-schools-agrees-to-change-practices-after-federal-review-found-that-it-improperly-restrained-and-secluded-students-with-disabilities/</p> <p>The stricken section in the proposed policy JKA that I'm asking be reinstated is:</p> <p>"Restrain and/or seclusion techniques will not be utilized in the district except in situations where a student's behavior poses imminent danger of serious physical harm to himself/herself or others, and the student is not responsive to verbal directives or less intense de-escalation techniques or these directives or techniques have not mitigated the imminent danger of physical harm."</p> <p>Thank you, Honor Marks</p>