LEAF Meeting (October 17, 2022 @ 5:30 PM)

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The agenda included a group discussion of a LEAF draft handbook to support LEAF members in community outreach and communications as well as the following agenda items:

Policy 5055

* Allows opportunity for advance parental notification of the intended use of any instructional materials with sexually explicit content in their child’s education.
* Provides parents the ability to inspect and review those materials.
* Ensures parents can select for their child the option of alternative instructional materials and related academic activities that do not contain sexually explicit content.
* Is a Curriculum & Instruction Committee Action Item on November 9 and will move on to the full Board as an Information Item after leaving committee. Vote on the Policy is expected November 29 or December 13.
* LCPS does not include standards or endorse any instructional materials with sexual content at the elementary school level, therefore Cool Spring families should not be receiving notices for students here. Cool Spring families may receive notices for their students in Middle and High School.

Timeline for the VDOE 2022 Model Policy: Privacy, Dignity, and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia’s Public Schools

* This state model policy is at the end of the legally required 30-day public comment period which began on [September 26, 2022](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdoe.virginia.gov%2Fsupport%2Fgender-diversity%2Findex.shtml&data=05%7C01%7CChristina.Arpante%40lcps.org%7Ceb486085d6f345567e2308daad33f86c%7C86750b0cee12463db28880f7b2b34689%7C0%7C0%7C638012735978827495%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HnbRr9RHW2mX8PoyP2FV6wt4r3t6BcuIDUsaUR6MsrY%3D&reserved=0), and is currently underway**.** [Anyone can comment at the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website on the applicability of those changes.](https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/Comments.cfm?GdocForumID=1953)
* As the draft VDOE 2022 Model Policy is still in the state comment period, the Loudoun County School Board has no action/comment at this time. LCPS will continue to comply with its obligations under state and federal law and ensure that our policies are consistent with such legal obligations while prioritizing parental engagement and the safety of all its students.

The Meeting presentation, including the agenda items above, is found in [Board Docs](http://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/loudoun/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CJVJ7P4BD424).

LEAF generally meets on the third Monday of each month at the LCPS Administration building.

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2022. The agenda will include a presentation of Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data.