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SUBJECT: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT & PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

Corporal punishment, as a means of discipline, shall not be used against a student by any teacher, administrator, officer, employee or agent of this School District. Corporal punishment is any act of physical force upon a student for the purpose of punishing that student. The Board of Education asserts that corporal punishment is an unacceptable method of enforcing decorum, order or discipline.

However, if alternative procedures and methods, which would not involve physical force cannot effectively be used, then the use of reasonable physical force is not prohibited for the following reasons:

- a) Self-protection or protection of another student, teacher, or any person from physical injury;
- b) Protection of property; or
- c) Restraining/removing a disruptive student whose behavior interferes with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers and duties, if that student has refused to refrain from further disruptive acts.

Whenever a school employee uses corporal punishment against a student, the school employee shall, within the same school day, make a written report to the Superintendent describing in detail the circumstances and the nature of the action taken.

The report will be kept on file and be made available to the parent, upon request. The complainant shall be afforded an opportunity to have a conference with the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall investigate the complaint to determine whether an incident actually took place, and if so, to determine the identity of the person or persons who administered the punishment, the identity of the student or students punished, reasons for the action and any other relevant facts or circumstances. The Board of Education will be informed of any incidences of corporal punishment.

The Superintendent of Schools shall submit a written report semi-annually to the Commissioner of Education, in accordance with the Commissioner's regulations.

Rules of the Board of Regents
Section 19.5
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations
(NYCRR) Section 100.2(1)(3)

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