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*"A place where learning has no limits and together we work for the success of all."*

The Harrisonburg City School Board, in accordance with its [Guiding Principles](#), strives to support our students and staff in their pursuit of excellence. The School Board governs budgets and policies used daily in our school in support of the [school system goals](#) of equity, literacy and social/emotional security for each student.

On behalf of the students and families in HCPS and all the citizens of Harrisonburg, the Harrisonburg City School Board affirms:

- Its policies on [non-discrimination](#) and [anti-harassment](#) to nurture an environment of inclusiveness and prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, political affiliation, marital status, or disability;
- A commitment to ensure that all students and school system personnel, including all immigrants, are treated with dignity and respect;
- Support of HCPS efforts to build bridges of understanding and mutual respect among all the diverse members of our community;
- Our vow to oppose any intolerance or fear that might threaten the diversity, safety, or academic excellence of our schools; and
- Our pledge to ensure that all students and school personnel within Harrisonburg are accorded equal protection under the law and that discrimination based on national origin is prohibited.

Universal public education available to all is a defining promise of American democracy. The members of the School Board took an oath to uphold the United States Constitution in our work for the Commonwealth of Virginia. As an extension of our oath, we encourage our students, staff, and members of the community to celebrate the inclusiveness and diversity that contributes to the growth, success, safety, and quality of life of everyone at HCPS.

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