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Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer together. The Flemington-Raritan School District is committed to providing a safe school environment where children can focus on their academic progress. As we begin the 2011-2012 school year we would like you to take a moment and review **revisions** to the district's Code of Conduct booklet, which was distributed to all families last year. Outline below are changes that all families should review together. Copies of the revised Code of Conduct are available in the school main office. It is also posted on the district web site. In addition, all district policies can be located on our district website at www.frsd.k12.nj.us.

It is required that both a parent or guardian and each student review these revisions and return the lower portion of this form signed to each child's school. Please return this form signed by September 14, 2011. Should you have any questions please feel free to call your school's main office.

Sincerely,



Mr. Gregory Nolan, Superintendent

By signing below, I am indicating that I have reviewed the **revisions** to the district's Code of Conduct (on my own or with a parent/guardian) and agree to do my part in keeping our school a safe environment where students can learn to the best of their ability.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing below, I am indicating that I have reviewed the **revisions** to the district's Code of Conduct and agree to support my child and the district in creating a safe environment in which students can learn to the best of their ability.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Flemington-Raritan Regional School District
Code of Conduct Revisions, 2011-2012 School Year

- Information regarding Code C drills has been changed to reflect new procedures for all school security drills and fire drills. The following paragraph was added:

“To further enhance the district’s preparedness to deal with unlikely and unpredictable situations, including violence or intrusions, the district has adopted school security drills. These procedures are in place at local school districts and are endorsed by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office and the police chiefs of Flemington Borough and Raritan Township. The school security drills are practiced throughout the year and are explained to the students in order to reduce fear and ensure safety. The school security and fire drills procedures are designed to ensure the safety of students and staff within the school building and designed to ensure their safety upon evacuation of the school building. Students follow the designated Fire Drill route as indicated in classrooms or School Security procedures as directed by staff.”

- Information regarding Honor Roll for Grades 7 and 8 was removed.
- Grade 7 health screenings now include Height/Weight, Blood Pressure, Scoliosis, Hearing, BMI.
- Grade 8 health screenings now include Height/Weight, Blood Pressure, Vision.
- Board Policy 8461 was expanded to include “Violence, Vandalism, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse.”
- Board Policy 5512 was updated. The follow information now appears:

“The Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying of a pupil. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for pupils to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a pupil’s ability to learn and a school’s ability to educate its pupils in a safe and disciplined environment. Since pupils learn by example, school administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers should be commended for demonstrating appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation, or bullying. “Harassment, intimidation, or bullying” means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents.

The Board expects pupils to conduct themselves in keeping with their levels of development, maturity and demonstrated capabilities with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other pupils and school staff, the educational purpose underlying all school activities and the care of school facilities and equipment consistent with the Code of Pupil Conduct. The Board believes that standards for pupil behavior must be set cooperatively through interaction among the pupils, parents, school employees, school administrators, school volunteers, and community representatives, producing an atmosphere that encourages pupils to grow in self-discipline. The development of this atmosphere requires respect for self and others, as well as for school district and community property on the part of pupils, staff, and community members.

The Board of Education requires its school administrators to implement procedures that ensure both the appropriate consequences and remedial responses for pupils who commit one or more acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, consistent with the Code of Pupil Conduct, and the consequences and remedial responses for staff members who commit one or more acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. The following factors, at a minimum, shall be given full consideration by school administrators in the implementation of appropriate consequences and remedial measures for each act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying by pupils. Appropriate consequences and remedial actions are those that are graded according to the severity of the offense(s), consider the developmental ages of the pupil offenders and pupils’ histories of inappropriate behaviors, per the Code of Pupil Conduct and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7. Consequences and appropriate remedial action for a pupil or staff member who commits one or more acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension or expulsion of pupils, as set forth in the Board’s approved Code of Pupil Conduct pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1”