

**A. The board finds as follows:**

- 1. It is no longer uncommon for students to be charged with serious crimes;**
- 2. Serious crimes are those in which one or more individuals intentionally causes or attempts to cause severe personal injury or significant property damage;**
- 3. Such crimes frequently take place off school grounds and apart from school hours or activities, and are thus unrelated to the student's status as a student;**
- 4. Students charged with such crimes are often released pending trial or even while awaiting sentencing;**
- 5. Consequently, such students remain able to continue attending school;**
- 6. The presence of such students at school, however, creates a distraction and a disruption to the educational process;**
- 7. Specifically, the presence of students charged with serious crimes tends to create apprehension, fear, or diversion on the part of other students and school staff, to the detriment of the necessary educational atmosphere;**

**B. Therefore, the board adopts the following policy:**

- 1. Any student charged with or convicted of a serious crime unrelated to his or her status as a student who wishes to continue his or her education may do so only according to the terms and conditions, and under the circumstances, provided herein;**
  - a. Any such student who wishes to continue his or her education during the pendency of his or her criminal proceedings must submit a written request to do so to the building principal;**
  - b. Upon receipt of such a request, the building principal shall develop and submit to the superintendent for approval a plan to provide continued educational services to the student on an off-campus, homebound, or alternative basis;**
  - c. Upon such approval by the superintendent or his or her designee, the student shall be limited to the alternative educational plan until; (a) he or she is acquitted of the charge or charges; or (b) he or she is removed from or leaves the district.**
- 2. The terms of this policy shall also be applied to any new student validly seeking to be enrolled in the district.**