July 30, 2012

To: ALL PARENTS/ GUARDIANS OF ALL STUDENTS AND STUDENTS IN THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT

RE: ADDENDUM TO THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY CODE OF CONDUCT BOARD POLICY NO. 973- NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

I write to provide you notice that the Escambia County Board of Education recently approved Board Policy No. 973 – Non-Discrimination in Extracurricular Activities. Effective April 19, 2012 the attached Board Policy No. 973 must be complied with by all schools with regard to all extracurricular activities. Specifically, the new policy requires that in any extracurricular activity in which students are selected or elected for a leadership role or other representative position, the students shall be nominated and elected by popular vote in accordance with procedures set forth by the administration of each school and without regard to their race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, religion, or disability. This Board policy may change certain past practices or procedures relating to the election or selection of students to extracurricular positions.

The Board of Education takes very seriously all federal laws, and this Board policy was adopted in order to fully comply with certain federal laws, including Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Sincerely,

RANDALL K. LITTLE,
Superintendent