

*Endorsed by SAB 10/12/2021, as SAB Resolution 2021-01*



## **Dimond Student Government Resolution 2021-01: Backpack Policy**

*Whereas* the school requires students to bring their computers to class;

*Whereas* students have more things to carry around including the required computer, as well as any other supplies (binders, notebooks, textbooks, utensils) for specific classes;

*Whereas* teachers had been told contradicting messages according to several staff members;

*Whereas* students did not receive any clear policy regarding backpacks until Thursday, September 23, and there was no announcement as to when the disciplinary actions will start to be taken;

*Whereas* students who were not present for the morning announcements have not in any way been communicated about this rule;

*Whereas* many students have already had disciplinary actions taken against them before the policy was announced to students;

*Whereas* the school offers to supply Chromebooks for every student but not an acceptable bag to carry them, increasing the likelihood of them being damaged;

*Whereas* the student handbook suggests that students should not leave valuable items in their locker and if any damage occurs to items because they are left in a locker the school will not be held responsible;

*Whereas* when students were allowed to carry backpacks last school year there were no incidents or threats relating to violence within our school;

**Therefore be it resolved by Dimond Student Government that:**

- 1. Students are allowed to carry backpacks around the school in order to carry their school supplies without damaging expensive items, such as computers, that are required for all students this school year**
- 2. This rule will be communicated to students and staff as soon as it is implemented**
- 3. If safety concerns arise, this solution will be reevaluated by administration alongside the writers of this resolution (being the members of Student Government)**