

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

DATE: February 6, 2019

RE: Approval of Agreement for School Board Policy Online Services

Executive Director recommends approval of the Agreement for School Board Policy Online Services.

One of the most important duties of a school board is to determine lawful school policy. A school board policy manual requires constant review and revision in response to changing state and federal laws, regulations, and court cases as well as changes in society and the community. School board policy must be written and available to the public. It should:

- Provide a statement to the community of district goals.
- Delegate authority to the superintendent,
- Define operating limits,
- Ensure legal compliance,
- Establish board processes, and
- Provide for monitoring district progress

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