

TO: School Board Members

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SUBJECT: Second Reading of Policy 601, School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals

BACKGROUND:

A review of Policy 601, School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals, has been performed. This was presented to the board as a first reading at their meeting on January 21, 2025. The current policy adheres to the district's processes and procedures currently in place. The district's current policy was reviewed against MSBA's model policy. Based on this review, several changes are recommended:

- Throughout the policy, “world’s best workforce” has been changed to “comprehensive achievement and civic readiness” per changes in Minnesota Statutes
- Under III, Definitions, items have been added and/or rearranged
- Under IV, Long-Term Strategic Plan, wording has been changed based on statute changes
- All references to a “read well by grade 3” have been removed based on statute changes
- Updates have been made to the legal references

This policy was reviewed using the district's 4-Way Equity Test. The policy provides for systems of accountability that ensure that the district has a process for developing a strategic plan, district and school goals, and a well-developed plan. Our analysis of data at all levels asks staff to apply the 4 way equity test.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a second reading. No resolution is needed at this time.