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**TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Constance Collins, Superintendent**

FROM: Chris Jasculca

RE: First Reading of Policies

DATE: February 9, 2010

The District 97 Policy Committee (Rance Clouser, Jim Gates and Chris Jasculca) is presenting the following three policies to the Board of Education for a first reading this evening.

- Policy 5601 (Serious Misconduct)
- Policy 8310 (Public Records)
- Draft policy regarding showing movies, videos and television programming in school

Policy 5601 has been revised, per the recommendation of Board Member Spatz, to include language about harassment based upon an individual's sexual orientation.

Policy 8310 has been revised to reflect the changes to Illinois' Freedom of Information Act, which took effect on January 1, 2010.

The revisions to policies 5601 and 8310, which are existing district policies printed in a standard District 97 format, are in bold text.

The creation of a policy regarding showing movies, videos and television programming in school was undertaken based upon direction from the Board following feedback on this issue from the district's parent/guardian community. The draft was generated using sample policies/templates from other districts throughout the country.

All of these policies have been made available for review by the general public via the Policies/Publications page (<http://www.op97.k12.il.us/boe/policies.html>) on the district's Web site.

After tonight's first reading, the policies will be presented to the Board for a second reading and approval on February 23.

Attachments:

- Policy 5601 – Serious Misconduct
- Policy 8310 – Public Records
- Policy regarding showing movies, videos and television programming in school

