

# Executive Summary: PRESS 122 Second Reading

## Introduction

PRESS, which stands for Policy Reference Education Subscription Service, is a policy service provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). It provides school districts with an "encyclopedia" of sample board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits. The board and district staff use these materials as a reference to help develop and update their own local policies.

The first reading of these proposed policy changes took place at the August 5th, 2026 regular meeting of the Meridian board of education.

## Policies with Notable Changes

This is the first reading of the policy changes recommended in PRESS Issue 122. The following policies have important language changes and should be reviewed by the Board.

| PRESS 122 Policy Update                                                        |                                                                                                                                    |                                           |
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| Policy                                                                         | Description of Change                                                                                                              | Recommendation                            |
| 2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board | Reduces the time for any one person to address the Board during public participation from a maximum of five to three minutes.      | Do not approve                            |
| 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities                             | Updates academic criteria for participation due to the elimination of study halls and students having to take an additional course | Approve as presented (Not PRESS Language) |
| 7:330 Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access                                  | Has been rewritten to address the need for more guidance under the Equal Access Act                                                | Approve as presented                      |

## Policies with Minor, Non-Substantive Changes

The following policies contain minor style changes. These will most likely not require discussion by the Board.

| PRESS 122 Policy Update                          |                      |
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| Policy                                           | Recommendation       |
| 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease | Approve as presented |

**Policies with No Content Changes**

There are no content changes to the following policies. They may be listed because footnotes, legal references, and/or cross references, which are not included in our policy manual, have been updated in response to changes in various laws.

3:70 Succession of Authority  
4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications  
5:70 Religious Holidays  
5:110 Recognition for Service  
5:140 Solicitations By and From Staff  
6:70 Teaching About Religions  
6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues  
7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance  
7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities  
8:10 Connection with the Community

**Declining PRESS's Policy Changes**

2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board  
7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer (Intra-district transfer does not apply to our district)

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the board of education consider the approval of the board policy changes are presented in this summary.