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SUBJECT: Policy 4540 Student Organizations-Revised -Second Read

Policy 4540 Student Organizations has been revised to reflect statutory updates, ensuring all approvals are administered in a strict, viewpoint-neutral manner without unlawful discrimination. Key updates since the first read include new and refined policy definitions. The revised policy restricts noncurricular Groups to high schools (prohibiting them in junior high and elementary schools), requires all permitted Groups to reapply annually, and mandates specific legal grounds for denying Clubs or Groups that promote, degrade, or target personal identity characteristics. Additionally, academic credit, extra credit, and excused absences are now strictly prohibited for student political advocacy or public protest. The Legal Department recommends Board approval of this revision on second read.