#5220 1 **Improve Completion Rates of the** 2 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) 3 4 5 6 The Madison Board of Education (the "Board") understands that completion of the Free 7 Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") is an important step in the path to postsecondary 8 education and is associated with higher rates of college enrollment. The Board is committed to 9 improving the completion rates of the FAFSA for students enrolled in the Madison Public 10 Schools (the "District"). 11 12 In order to improve the completion rates of the FAFSA by students enrolled in grade twelve in 13 the District, the District shall develop a systematic program through which such students are 14 educated about the purpose and content of the FAFSA, encouraged to complete the FAFSA, and 15 assisted in the completion of the FAFSA, as may be necessary and appropriate. The Board 16 directs the Superintendent or designee to develop administrative regulations in furtherance of this 17 The Board further directs the Superintendent or designee to conduct periodic 18 assessments of such regulations, at least annually, to determine effectiveness in improving 19 completion rates of the FAFSA. 20 21 Any information contained in a FAFSA, held by the Board, shall not be a public record for 22 purposes of the Freedom of Information Act and thus shall not be subject to disclosure under the 23 provisions of section 1-210 of the Connecticut General Statutes. 24 25 Each year, the Superintendent or designee will report to the Board the FASFA completion rate 26 for each high school in the District. 27 28 The Board may accept gifts, grants and donations, including in-kind donations, to implement the 29 provisions of this policy. 30 31 Legal Reference: 32 33 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10a-11i 34 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-223m 35 36 First Reading: