Board Agenda Item Overview

Meeting Date: November 17, 2026 **Meeting Type:** Regular

Item Category: Information Item **Primary Contact:** Dr. Roosevelt Nivens

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Item Name: UPDATED SCREEN TIME GUIDELINES

Item Summary: At the end of the 2025–2026 school year, the Board Policy Committee requested updated guidance on student screen time. In response, revised Student Screen Time and Computer Usage Guidance has been implemented. The guidance supports consistent, developmentally appropriate technology use across the district, both in the classroom and when assigning homework.

Developed through a committee process that reviewed research and current practice, the guidance shifts the focus from how much screen time students have to how purposefully technology is used, emphasizing learning first, quality over quantity, and active over passive use. It includes grade-band expectations, safeguards against passive or low-value technology use, and daily limits for required digital homework.

The guidance was introduced to principals, instructional leaders, and instructional coaches this fall and will be supported through ongoing professional learning and coaching.

Recommendation: NA

Policy Reference: CQC(LEGAL)

Strategic Plan Priority: Enhanced Student Learning Experiences

District Value(s): ☒ Accountability ☐ Big-Thinking ☐ Compassion ☒ Excellence ☐ Integrity ☐ Joy

Currently Budgeted? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ No Budgetary Impact

Completion or Implementation Timeline: October 2026