NEOLA UPDATE 41-1 FALL 2026

1. There are several legal alerts and a memorandum:

    1. Medical Marijuana Reclassified

    2. DOJ Web Accessibility Compliance Deadlines extended a year

    3. Federal Grants and Proposed Rule Changes

    4. Pupil Membership Requirements for Fifth-Year Early Middle College Student

    5. Supreme Court Decision Regarding Participation on Female Athletic Teams

    6. Legal Updates with Upcoming Policy and Administrative Guideline Changes

    These legal alerts should be reviewed and shared with the appropriate staff.

2. Policy 0100 School Support Organizations (Revised)--School Support Organizations (SOS) has been added to definitions and is recommended to be adopted.

3. Bylaw 0154 Organizational Meeting Actions (replacement)--See drafting note, there are only two requirements for the organizational meeting: 1. setting time and date of meetings and 2. election of officers. Other options are also included. This replacement policy is recommended to be approved.

4. Policy 0164.1 Meetings (revised)--Language has been added to update content from the 8 rescinded bylaws. This revisions are highly recommended for adoption.

5. Policies 0164.2, 0164.3, 0165.1 thru 0165.6 (rescinded)-- content from these 8 bylaws is now consolidated in bylaw 0164.1. Action is required to rescind

6. Policy 2370.02 Virtual Instruction Days (New)--This new policy aligns with MCL and is recommended to be adopted.

7. Policy 2623 Student Assessment (revised)--These revisions align with MCL the Revised School Code. The revisions remove SAT and Michigan Merit requirements and is recommended to be adopted.

8. Policies 3310 & 4310 Freedom of Speech in Non-Official Duty Settings (revised)--These revisions establish clear boundaries when expressing personal views outside employees official duties. These revisions should be reviewed and consider to be adopted.

9. Policy 5111.01 Homeless Students (revised)--barriers are removed such as clubs and athletics for homeless students. These revisions reflect U.S.C. (McKinney-Veto Act) and is recommended to be adopted.

10. Use of Medications (revised)--These revisions establish clear protocols and should be adopted to fit the district's present procedures if applicable.

11. Policy 5330.01 epinephrine Delivery Systems (revised)--These revisions align with Michigan code and are recommended to be adopted.

12. Policy 5460 Graduations Requirements (revised)--These revisions update policy to reflect current requirements for FAFSA, EMC, and MME and are recommended to be adopted.

13. Policy 5380 Student Fundraising (revised)--The revision has technical corrections and financial requirements and is recommended to be adopted.

14. Policy 6605 Crowdfunding--If the district does not allow crowdfunding there is additional language added. If the district does allow crowdfunding there is language added to control the fundraiser. Either way the revision is recommended for adoption

15. Policy 6700 Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (revised)--Technical corrections are made and inclusion of human milk (pumping) is included. This revision is recommended to be adopted.

16. Policy 7230 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests (revised)--The revision includes additional accountability and protections for the Board & District. The revision is not required.

17. Policy 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (revised)--This revision includes expectations for responsible student AI use and includes possible disciplinary actions. This revision should be considered to be adoption.

18. Policy 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (revised). The revision includes expectations for responsible staff AI use and includes possible disciplinary actions. The revision should be considered for adoption

19. Policy 7540.09 Artificial Intelligence (AI) (revised)--The revision provides further guidance for the safe use of AI. It also includes protection for students, the district, and staff. This revision is recommended to be adopted.

20. Policy 8310 Public Records (revised)--The update clarifies that any communications or files created by AI are public record. The revision is recommended to be adopted.

21. Policy 8320 Personnel Files (revised)--These revisions are recommended to align with statutory requirements and should be adopted.

22. Policy 8321 Criminal Justice Information Security (Non-Criminal Justice Agency) (revised)--The revisions reflect future audit expectations and should be adopted.

23. Policy 8330 student Records--(revised)--The revision includes AI language and MME records. The revision is recommended to be adopted

24. Policy 8420 Emergency Situations at Schools (revised)--The Cardiac Emergency Response Plan has been revised to provide statutory alignment. Consistent terms such as: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter are included in the revision. The revision is recommended to be adopted.

25. Policy 8510 Wellness (revised)--The policy should be reviewed and updated to align with statutes. The revision is recommended to be adopted.

26. Policy 9211 School Support Organizations (rescind)

27. Policy 9215 School Support Organizations (replacement)