NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject: **Update to Policy FM(Local) - Student Activities and Extracurricular Absences**

Date: **June 16, 2025**

Administrator Responsible/Position: **Wendy McMullen, Chief Academic Officer**

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:
☐ Information Only ☐ Action Needed ☑ Receive Input

B. Authority for This Action:
☑ Local Policy ☐ Law or Rule ☐ N/A

C. Priority, Goal, or Need Addressed:
☑ Strategic Plan ☐ District/Campus Improvement Plan ☐ Other

Priorities

☐ **Priority 1:** Recruiting, Hiring, Coaching, and Retaining High Quality Teachers and Staff to Support Student Outcomes.

☑ **Priority 2:** Maximizing Academic Performance.

☑ **Priority 3:** Maximizing Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Performance, and Engagement.

☐ **Priority 4:** Planning, Preparing, and Maintaining Facilities and Environments for Learning.

☐ **Priority 5:** Obtaining and Maintaining Top Rated District Recognition

Board Goals for 2023-2028

☐ **Goal 1*:** The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Reading will increase from 49% to 60% by June 2024, 65% for 2024-2025, 70% for 2025-2026, 75% for 2026-2027, 80% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

☐ **Goal 2*:** Increased overall student performance in mathematics to 85% Meets Standard by 2028. The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Math will increase from 53% to 65% by June 2024, 70% for 2024-2025, 75% for 2025-2026, 80% for 2026-2027, 85% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

☐ **Goal 3*:** The percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 72% to 88% by August 2024 and increase to 95% by 2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

D.

Summary: **At Navarro ISD, students are afforded the opportunity to engage in a broad array of extracurricular activities. Participation in these programs often necessitates excused absences from school, particularly when students travel far beyond district boundaries for competitions or advance to post-district events. Pursuant to Policy FM (Local), the**

number of school-related excused absences is currently limited to 18 per semester or 26 per academic year. Over the past five years, the Board of Trustees has reviewed this policy to evaluate the number of excused absences students should be allowed when absent for school related activities. Because we have students who are actively involved in multiple extracurricular activities, there are some who have exceeded the number of allowed absences as outlined in policy FM (Local).

Background Information:	Policy FM(LOCAL) sets a limit to the number of days students can be absent from class due to extracurricular activities or public performances. The current policy states:

The District shall not schedule, nor permit students to participate in an extracurricular activity or a public performance that would require, permit, or allow a student to be absent from class in any course more than 26 times in a school year and not to exceed 18 times in a semester.

A student who has qualified or advanced beyond an initial level of competition prior to exceeding the days allowed above shall be granted additional days in that qualified activity to its completion.

As the policy is reviewed, it could be considered to remove the limit of days referenced in the policy and allow the No Pass/No Play guidelines to be the guardrails for student participation.

Also, the TASB Policy Service consultant has recommended that the "Alternative Education" provision be removed from this policy because it is administrative in nature, and should therefore be included in the administrative regulations.

After receiving feedback from the Board and additional TASB guidance, we will develop a final policy document to be approved at the July 2025 School Board meeting.

E. Comments Received:

☑ LT   ☐ DEIC   ☑ Other

*This policy update was also reviewed by The Texas Association of School Boards Policy Services
*All agenda items are reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team.

F. Administrative Recommendation: **That the Board of Trustees reviews and policy FM (Local)discusses policy FM (Local) to make recommendations or any necessary changes based on new legislation and TASB input.**

G. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Amount: N/A - There will not be a Fiscal impact.

☐ Budget   ☐ Grant/Special   ☐ Other
☐ Bond   Funds

H.   **Exhibits:**   Redlined FM(LOCAL) policy showing recommended changes from TASB as of June 5, 2025.

I.   **Action:**   "I move to approve/disapprove/postpone"

     No action to be taken at this time. This is for discussion purposes only.

   Motion by: second by:

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FOR: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson
AGAINST: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson
ABSTAIN: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED