



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Albert Roberts, Superintendent**

FROM: Policy Committee – James Gates, Amy Felton and Chris Jasculca

RE: First Reading of Policies

DATE: April 10, 2012

On March 13, 2012, the District 97 Board of Education conducted a first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 2440 – Summer School
- Policy 5200 – Attendance
- Policy 8500 – Food Services

During its discussion about the summer school policy, the board recommended revising the fourth paragraph in Policy 5410 (Promotion, Placement and Retention) from:

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This recommended revision is based on the district's decision to change its summer school program from one that is mandatory for students who do not meet the standards in certain subject areas to one that offers students the opportunity to participate in the program based on a set of criteria that includes grades, assessments and teacher recommendations.

Attached is Policy 5410 (Promotion, Placement and Retention), which is being presented to the board tonight for a first reading. The recommended changes from the committee are featured in bold text. The policy has been made available for review by the general public via the Policies/Publications page (<http://www.op97.k12.il.us/boe/policies.html>) on the district's Web site.

A second reading and approval of this policy is scheduled for the board meeting on April 24, 2012.

Attachments:

- Policy 5410 (Promotion, Placement and Retention)