



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **November 12, 2013**

TITLE: **Study of Proposed Revisions to Governing Board Policies GBED (Smoking By Staff Members); JICG (Tobacco Use by Students); JLCD (Medicines/Administering Medicines to Students); JLF (Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection); KFAA (Smoking on School Premises at Public Functions); and KHA (Public Solicitations in Schools)**

BACKGROUND:

The periodic revision of state and federal law often necessitates the corresponding revision of Governing Board policies. This item is presented to permit the Board to review several proposed revisions to the following Policies:

Policy JLCD and JLCD-R — Medicines/Administering Medicines to Students. SB1421 (Laws 2013, Chapter 243) requires school districts and charter schools to stock two juvenile doses and two adult doses of auto-injectable epinephrine at each school if the Legislature appropriates sufficient funding and establishes policies, procedures and training requirements for auto-injectable epinephrine in schools. The training requirements also are optional in years where the Legislature has not appropriated sufficient funds for the doses of epinephrine required by law. The new law also provides that a school district or charter school employee, who is properly trained to administer or assist in administering auto-injectable epinephrine, to administer such medicine to a student or adult whom the employee believes in good faith is showing signs of anaphylactic shock while at school or a school-sponsored activity.

In addition, HB2042 (Laws 2013, Chapter 83) requires, if a school district or charter school governing board has adopted policies and procedures relating to diabetes management, the policies and procedures must include a requirement that any medication administration services specified in the child's diabetes medical management plan must be provided. Nurses are added to the health professionals that can train voluntary diabetes care assistants. Other provisions include:

- Voluntary diabetes care assistants are allowed to administer insulin in addition, to glucagon, assist the pupil with self-administration of insulin in an emergency situation or perform any combination of these actions under certain conditions.
- Voluntary diabetes care assistants are authorized to either administer glucagon or insulin the parent or guardian must provide the glucagon or insulin along with all equipment and supplies necessary for insulin administration.
- Training by specified licensed health care professionals related to diabetes management must include the symptoms and treatment of hyperglycemia and techniques for determining the proper dose of insulin in a specific situation.

Policy JLF and Regulation JLF-R — Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection. Statute requires a mandatory reporter who reasonably believes a minor is or has been the victim of certain instances of child abuse, such as a reportable offence, to immediately report or cause reports of the information to be made to a

peace officer or to Child Protective Services. An individual who does not have care, custody or control of the minor is required to report the information to a peace officer. This has resulted in reporting of all incidents in which a student shows signs of an injury – even if that injury was created by student to student contact of either an intentional or unintentional nature. SB1291 (Laws 2013, Chapter 182) creates an exception to the law that is useful to schools. A.R.S. 13-3620(B) was revised to exempt certain incidents with minors on the playground from duty to report abuse requirements. Under the revised law and JLF, a mandatory reporter is not required to report or cause reports to be made if all of the following apply:

- The minor is of elementary school age;
- The physical injury occurs in the course of typical playground activity during a school day on the premises of the school that the minor attends;
- The physical injury is reported to the legal guardian of the minor; and
- The school maintains a written record of the incident.

Policy KHA — Public Solicitations in Schools. A prohibition on sending text messages for solicitation purposes was added to A.R.S. 13-2919.

Policy GBED — Smoking By Staff Members; Policy JICG — Tobacco Use By Students; Policy KFAA — Smoking On School Premises At Public Functions. These policies are adjusted because of concerns that vaporizing tobacco devices, or “e-cigarettes” are not covered under existing policies and law.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board’s study at this time. The policy revisions will be brought back at a later date for the Board’s approval.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: November 6, 2013



Patrick Nelson, Superintendent