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1211 - WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

The Board expects all its employees to be honest and ethical in their conduct, and to comply with applicable State and Federal law, Board policies, and administrative procedures. Pursuant to State law, the Board expects administrators to report to their immediate supervisors any violation or suspected violation of any Federal, State or local law, policy, or regulation committed by any employee, or agent of an agency or independent contractor which is doing business with the Board, which creates and presents a substantial or specific danger to the public's health, safety, or welfare. Additionally, pursuant to State law, administrators are expected to report any act or suspected act of gross mismanagement, malfeasance, misfeasance, gross waste of public funds, suspected or actual Medicaid fraud or abuse, or gross neglect of duty committed by an employee or agent of an agency or independent contractor which is doing business with the Board.

It is the responsibility of an administrator who is aware of conduct on the part of any Board member or employee that possibly violates Federal or State law, or Board policy, to call this conduct to the attention of his/her immediate supervisor. If the administrator's immediate supervisor is not responsive or is the employee whose behavior is in question, the administrator should report the alleged misconduct to the District Administrator.

After such a report is made by the administrator, the immediate supervisor or the District Administrator will ask that the report be put in writing.

Any administrator making such a report shall be protected from discipline, retaliation, or reprisal for making such report as long as the administrator made such a report based on a reasonable and good faith belief that the report is accurate and not based on the administrator's intent to harm, harass, intimidate, or retaliate against another individual.

Administrators are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, for purposely, knowingly, or recklessly making a false report under this policy. Conversely, administrators are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, if they are aware of a violation of Federal, State, or local law that the Board has the authority to correct and they do not make a report confirmed in writing to their immediate supervisor or to the District Administrator, as appropriate.

If the alleged misconduct that is reported involves a Board member, the employee shall report to the District Administrator who is authorized to engage the Board's legal counsel to manage an investigation concerning the matter. If the report concerns the District Administrator the administrator shall make the report to the Board President, who is authorized to engage the Board's legal counsel to manage the investigation.

Upon receipt of a report made by an instructional staff member pursuant to this policy, an investigation shall be commenced as soon as possible and shall be handled expeditiously.

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