



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

DATE OF MEETING: **November 15, 2016**

TITLE: **Study of Proposed Revisions to Governing Board Policies FCB (Retirement of Facilities) and LC (Relations with Education Research Agencies)**

BACKGROUND:

The Arizona School Boards Association has recommended revisions to current policies to clarify language and to address changes in the law. Policies presented for the Board’s study this evening are:

FCB (Retirement of Facilities)

A.R.S. § 15-189 has been amended to require school districts to sell or lease a vacant and unused building or portion of a building to charter schools in the same manner as other potential buyers or lessees while attempting to obtain the highest possible value. Policy language has been revised to reflect the new provision in the law.

Policy LC (Relations with Education Research Agencies)

ASBA recommends Policy LC be revised due to extensive additions to statutes passed by the 52nd Arizona Legislature that pertain to student information, specifically addressing surveys, parental permission and informed consent.

House Bill 2088 amended A.R.S. §§15-101, 15-249, and 15-741; A.R.S. §15-117 was added as a new section:

- A.R.S. § 15-101 has been revised to include the definition of a “nontest”: “Nontest means not relating to knowledge or skills in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, science or any other course.”
- A nontest is referenced in A.R.S. § 15-249(C): “Student level nontest data is prohibited from inclusion in longitudinal, student level data unless approved in a public meeting of the state board of education and linked on the state board's home page....”
- A.R.S. §§ 15-741(A)(5)(7) and (B) have been revised to reiterate the nontest data restrictions related to the assessment of students, stipulating that the State Board of Education (SBE) must:
 - Ensure that the tests [prescribed in this article] collect only types of student nontest data that are approved by the SBE at a public meeting and published on the SBE's website.
 - Post a link to the nontest indicators that includes:
 - the types of data collected,
 - the reasons for the collection of the data, and
 - the entities with which the data is shared.

- A.R.S. § 15-117 is a new section which describes the mandatory duties of school districts and charter schools in the areas of surveys; student information; parental permission and informed consent; exceptions; penalties; and definitions.
 - The initial requirement in this section is that “notwithstanding any other law, each school district and charter school shall obtain written informed consent from the parent of a student before administering any survey that is retained by a school district ... for longer than one year and that solicits personal information about the student...”.

Finally, ASBA also recommends that:

- The statute that addresses requirements for distribution of surveys be provided to administrators, teachers, and other employees in staff meetings and included in staff handbooks; and
- Parents and students be informed at the beginning of the school year and upon enrollment regarding the requirement for written informed consent and other information pertaining to surveys and student information.

Accordingly, the administration will include this information in the Code of Conduct/Parent Information Handbook publication for the 2017-2018 school year.

Draft policies of FCB (Retirement of Facilities) and LC (Relations with Education Research Agencies) are attached to this Item for the Board’s review.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Date: November 8, 2016



Patrick Nelson, Superintendent