

Approval of TASB Update 113 Local August 27, 2019

SUMMARY:

Local policies included in Update 113:

Update 113 focuses primarily on amendments to the Administrative Code that have occurred since the last update. Recommended changes to local policies include the following topics:

- Board member access to information
- Retention or employment of district attorneys
- Superintendent evaluation
- School property disposal
- Food and nutrition management
- Video surveillance of special education classrooms
- Student investigations and searches

Local policies included in Update 113:

- BBE(LOCAL): BOARD MEMBERS - AUTHORITY
- BDD(LOCAL): BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION - ATTORNEY
- BJCD(LOCAL): SUPERINTENDENT - EVALUATION
- CI(LOCAL): SCHOOL PROPERTIES DISPOSAL
- CO(LOCAL): FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT
- COA(LOCAL): FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT - PROCUREMENT
- COB(LOCAL): FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT - FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS
- EHBAF(LOCAL): SPECIAL EDUCATION - VIDEO/AUDIO MONITORING
- EHBE(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - BILINGUAL EDUCATION/ESL
- FNF(LOCAL): STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - INVESTIGATIONS AND SEARCHES

Local Policy Deletions:

- CRB(LOCAL): INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES MANAGEMENT - LIABILITY INSURANCE
- EFD(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES - FIELD TRIPS

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed and reviewed TASB Update 113 during the Workshop portion of the board meeting on July 30, 2019 and first reading on August 13, 2019.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 113 contains 36 legal polices and 12 local polices including 2 local policies listed for deletion

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The district must have school policies that are consistent with current laws and appropriately communicate local policy issues. Policies are classified as either “Legal” or “Local” in design. A “Legal” policy is a statement of existing law or of binding legal decisions and as such do not require Board approval. Local policies are decisions made at the local level that reflect district decisions and practices and do require approval. Legal policies are always included in updates so local policy development occurs within the context of binding law.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

To allow the Board to evaluate and ensure that these policies reflect the practices of the District.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Because the law requires districts to adopt a local policy so quickly, districts are allowed to implement the process for emergency adoption with one reading.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following options are available to the Board:

- continue to study the policy
- modify the existing language

- approve policies as written and submitted by TASB

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve TASB Update 113 local policies on second reading.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 113 Local Policies