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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 7.3

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

NEW BUSINESS ITEM: Consideration of Revisions to Policy JLF, *Reporting Child Abuse / Child Protection* (first reading)

SUBMITTED BY: Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Mindy Westover, Associate Superintendent

Revisions to Policy JLF, *Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection* are recommended to comply with Senate Bill 1437, which amends A.R.S. 13-3620 and A.R.S. 15-514 regarding mandatory reporting obligations.

Key policy updates include:

- Expanded Definition of School Personnel: Now includes substitute teachers and members of the governing board as mandatory reporters.
- Clarification on Reporting Requirements: A report made to a School Resource Officer (SRO) or School Safety Officer does not fulfill the legal requirement under A.R.S. 13-3620.
- New Obligation for SROs: If an SRO or safety officer receives a report, they must immediately notify a law enforcement agency and transfer all relevant information.
- Interviewing Requirements Added:
 - SROs may receive voluntary reports from identified student victims.
 - SROs may ask minimal follow-up questions as permitted under county protocol pursuant to A.R.S. 8-817.
- Definitions Section Added: Provides definitions for School Safety Officer, School Resource Officer, and Peace Officer to ensure clarity and consistency.

These revisions ensure district policy aligns with the updated statute and clarifies procedures and responsibilities for school personnel when handling suspected abuse or reportable offenses.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move that the governing board approve the revisions to Policy JLF, *Reporting Child Abuse / Child Protection*, as presented.