

Approval of TASB Update 114 Local & EIA (Local) Revisions January 14, 2020

SUMMARY:

Local policies included in Update 114:

Update 114 encompasses changes in law from the 86th Legislative Session that have an immediate effect on the governance and management of the district.

The changes to local policies address the following topics:

- Public participation at board meetings
- Investments and purchasing
- Security issues, including emergency operations plans and security personnel
- Cybersecurity
- Financial exigency
- Weapons in district parking areas
- Gifted and talented programs
- Partnership charters
- Student physical examinations
- Crisis intervention, including threat assessments and trauma-informed care
- Student records
- Requests for public information

EIA (Local) has minor revisions regarding the distribution of report cards for elementary and secondary. Both elementary and secondary report cards are distributed every 9 weeks

Local policies included in Update 114:

BE(LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS
BED(LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
CDA(LOCAL): OTHER REVENUES - INVESTMENTS
CH(LOCAL): PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION
CKC(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT - EMERGENCY PLANS
CKE(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT - SECURITY PERSONNEL
CQ(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES
CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - CYBERSECURITY
DFFA(LOCAL): REDUCTION IN FORCE - FINANCIAL EXIGENCY
DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
EHBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS
ELA(LOCAL): CAMPUS OR PROGRAM CHARTERS - PARTNERSHIP CHARTERS
FDE(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS - SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS
FFAA(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION
FFBA(LOCAL): CRISIS INTERVENTION - TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE
FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS
GBAA(LOCAL): INFORMATION ACCESS - REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
GKA(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS - CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

District Local Policy Revision:

EIA (Local)

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed and reviewed TASB Update 114 during the Workshop portion of the board meeting on November 12, 2019 and 1st Reading approval on December 10, 2019.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 114 contains 123 Legal policies and 19 Local policy changes.

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 114 local policies and revisions to EIA (Local) on second reading

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 114 Local Policies
EIA (Local)