

School Board Meeting:

August 24, 2009

Subject:

Policy #640
Animals in the School Setting

Presenter:

Eric Hamilton

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Board Approval

DESCRIPTION:

This is the final reading for this policy.

Animals in the classroom have been the number one issue for the district's Health Department. From bites and scratches to allergic reactions from dander, animals in the classroom have been an ongoing concern for Health Paras and Nurses. Animals kept in classrooms can also create an indoor air quality issue especially with allergic or asthmatic individuals.

This proposed policy has been presented to the Principals on two separate occasions and they were asked to present this policy to their staff. Revisions have been made to this policy based on each school's comments. No further revisions have been recommended since the first reading to the Board on July 14th.