



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Peter Mau, Assistant Superintendent

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Administrative Review of Policy 611, Home Schooling

BACKGROUND

An administrative review of Policy 611, Home Schooling, has been performed and the current policy adheres to the district's processes and procedures currently in place. The district's current policy was reviewed against MSBA's model policy and generally continues to match that language. Based on this review, no changes are recommended at this time. This policy was last reviewed in February of 2023.

School District 197 reviews its policies on a 3-year cycle unless otherwise required by law. Typically, recommended policy changes are brought to the school board for three readings, with approval at the third reading. However, when the administration is recommending minor or no changes to the policy, it is labeled as an "administrative review." Consistent changes the board has asked to be applied to policies are considered minor. One example is using more inclusive language such as using "parent/guardian" instead of just "parent."

When labeled an "administrative review" the policy is placed on the consent agenda for a single reading with a recommendation to approve the policy as presented. As a reminder, board members always have the opportunity to remove a policy from the consent agenda to discuss it as part of the main agenda.

This policy was reviewed using the district's Four-Way Equity Test. The purpose of this policy is to recognize and provide guidelines in accordance with state law for parents who wish to have their children receive education in a home school that is an alternative to an accredited public or private school. This policy provides for equitable access for all and eliminates any barriers based on gender, race/ethnicity, national origin, color, disability, age, or other protected group by considering the needs of our students in the home school setting and providing guidance and support to the students and their families.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of School District 197 to approve Policy 611, Home Schooling, as presented.