#5220 1 2 **Improve Completion Rates of the** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) 3 4 5 The Madison Board of Education (the "Board") understands that completion of the Free 6 Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") is an important step in the path to postsecondary 7 education and is associated with higher rates of college enrollment. The Board is committed to 8 improving the completion rates of the FAFSA for students enrolled in the Madison Public 9 Schools (the "District"). 10 11 In order to improve the completion rates of the FAFSA by students enrolled in grade twelve in 12 the District, the District shall develop a systematic program through which such students are 13 educated about the purpose and content of the FAFSA, encouraged to complete the FAFSA, and 14 assisted in the completion of the FAFSA, as may be necessary and appropriate. The Board 15 directs the Superintendent or designee to conduct periodic assessments of such regulations, at 16 least annually, to determine effectiveness in improving completion rates of the FAFSA. 17 18 Any information contained in a FAFSA, held by the Board, shall not be a public record for 19 purposes of the Freedom of Information Act and thus shall not be subject to disclosure under the 20 provisions of section 1-210 of the Connecticut General Statutes. 21 22 Each year, the Superintendent or designee will report to the Board the FASFA completion rate 23 for each high school in the District. 24 25 The Board may accept gifts, grants and donations, including in-kind donations, to implement the 26 provisions of this policy. 27 28 Legal Reference: 29 30 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10a-11i 31 Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-223m 32 33 First Reading: October 11, 2022