

Approval of TASB Update 119 Local Policy Revisions – 1st Reading

August 9, 2021

SUMMARY:

TASB Policy Update 119 encompasses changes in law from the Legislative Special Sessions and have an immediate effect on the governance and management of the District. Update 119 contains revisions to 51 legal policies and 9 local policies including the changes to the following local policies:

- CPC (Local) Office Management: Records Management
- DMA (Local) Professional Development: Required Staff Development
- EHAA (Local) Basic Instructional Program: Required Instruction (All Levels)
- EHB (Local) Curriculum Design: Special Programs
- EHBAA (Local) Special Education Identification, Evaluation, and Eligibility
- EHBB(Local) Special Programs: Gifted and Talented Students
- EIF (Local) Academic Achievement: Graduation
- FFBA (Local) Crisis Intervention: Trauma-Informed Care
- FFH (Local) Student Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board approved TASB Update 118 on January 11, 2022

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 the TASB Update 119 policy revisions.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 119 Local Policy Comparison Packet