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**Board of Education**

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**ACTION**

**TITLE:** Consider Approval of Student Handbook Changes for 2023-2024

**DATE:** June 19, 2023

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** Dr. Michael Farrell, Executive Director of Student Services

**BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:**

The [District Handbook Committee](#) met on June 7, 2023 and developed the attached revision recommendations for the district student handbook changes. The objective was to ensure that the 2023-2024 handbook aligns with the proposed Arkansas School Board Association student policies. The changes recommended by the handbook committee are presented here in redlined documents showing edits and changes from the previous year's handbook.

Approval of a handbook that aligns with the new student policies is an important milestone. Due to changes made to education law in Arkansas during legislative session, additional work may be needed to be completed in the handbook over the next several months. In order to adapt to these changes, additional recommendations for policy updates and corresponding changes to the handbook will be prepared for the consideration of the Board. Because the handbook is now distributed electronically, future updates to it can also be posted for students and families as they are completed and approved. Paper copies will also continue to be available at campuses for distribution to families who requests a copy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**The administration recommends the attached handbook changes be approved for inclusion in the 2023-2024 District Handbook.**