

Approval of TASB Update 108 Local Policies – 1st Reading June 27, 2017

SUMMARY:

Local policies included in Update 108:

Update 108 which contains 33 legal and 7 local policies and several policy Exhibits that are being either added or deleted. Update 108 contains recommended changes to local policies on topics including:

- Instructional resources and materials;
- Credit by examination with prior instruction;
- Graduation;
- Campus charters; and
- Community relations (advertising and fundraising).

Local policies included in Update 108:

- EF(LOCAL): Instructional Resources
- EFA(LOCAL): Instructional Resources – Instructional Materials
- EFAA(LOCAL): Instructional Materials – Selection and adoption
- EHDB(LOCAL): Alternative Methods for Earning Credit – Credit by Examination with prior Instruction
- EIF(LOCAL): Academic Achievement - Graduation
- EL(LOCAL): Campus Charters
- GKB(LOCAL): Community Relations – Advertising and Fundraising

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed and reviewed TASB Update 108 policy revisions and additional local policies at the June 13, 2017 board meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 108 contains 33 legal and 7 local policies and several policy Exhibits.

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 TASB Update 108 local policies on first reading.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 108 Local Policies.