



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Albert Roberts, Superintendent**

FROM: Policy Committee – James Gates, Amy Felton and Chris Jasculca

RE: Adoption of Policies

DATE: April 24, 2012

On April 10, 2012, the District 97 Board of Education conducted a first reading of Policy 5410 (Promotion, Placement and Retention). More specifically, the board reviewed/discussed the policy committee's recommendation to revise the fourth paragraph in the policy from:

Students who are not meeting grade level expectations in these basic areas will be identified early in the school year, then parents and guardians will be notified by mail of their student's non-promotion status. **To be reconsidered for promotion, these students will be required to complete an appropriate remedial program that may include modified classroom instruction, before/after school classes, and summer school.** Some improvement in knowledge and skills must be achieved for promotion.

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This recommended revision is based on the district's decision to change its summer school program from one that is mandatory for students who do not meet the standards in certain subject areas to one that offers students the opportunity to participate in the program based on a set of criteria that includes grades, assessments and teacher recommendations.

Attached is Policy 5410 (Promotion, Placement and Retention), which is being presented to the board tonight for adoption. The recommended changes from the committee are featured in bold text. The policy has been made available for review by the general public via the Policies/Publications page (<http://www.op97.k12.il.us/boe/policies.html>) on the district's Web site.

Attachments:

- Policy 5410 (Promotion, Placement and Retention)