Approval of TASB Policy EFA(LOCAL) – 2nd Reading August 9, 2022

SUMMARY:

TASB Policy Services has recommended adoption of an updated "Instructional Materials" policy section. The current EF(LOCAL) policy will be deleted upon approval of EFA(LOCAL): Instructional Materials and EFB(LOCAL): Library Materials.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board reviewed these policy changes at the July 26, 2022 Board meeting in workshop session. 1st reading of the proposed policy was also held at the July 26 meeting.

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 approval of policy EFA(LOCAL).

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

James K. Wilson III, Superintendent Deron Robinson, General Counsel

ATTACHMENT:

Policy EFA(LOCAL)