

MEETING DATE: August 18, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Action Policy Update – FFAC(LOCAL)

PRESENTER: Scott Kessel

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITIES(S):

• Safety – The District will maintain a safe and orderly environment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- During the 2013-2014 school year, AISD nurses became aware of a program called Epi-pens for Schools offered by a company called Boridge Pharma in New Jersey. The purpose of the program was to assist school districts in preparedness for undiagnosed anaphylaxis emergencies.
- The company provided two free epi-pens for each school if the school/district was able to secure doctor protocols from a licensed physician. Attached you will find the doctor protocols provided to Aledo ISD from Dr. Gina Fowler. In addition you will also find the AISD epi-pen procedures.
- The District sought guidance from TASB to review and revise FFAC(LOCAL) to cover epi-pen use. TASB provided a base policy and suggested we seek further counsel from our attorney to finalize this policy.
- Our attorney, Tom Myers, provided language for us to use in the development of FFAC(LOCAL) and he found that the Texas Education Code requires districts to develop policies and procedures for diagnosed and undiagnosed students (TEC 38.0151).
- Attached you will also find the AISD health card provided to parents at the beginning of each year. The health card gives parents an opt-out option on epi-pen administration for undiagnosed anaphylaxis. The health card must be turned in to the school nurse at the beginning of each school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS: Consider approval of FFAC(LOCAL)

FISCAL NOTE: None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS: Administration recommends the Board approve FFAC(LOCAL) as written and presented.