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## Executive Summary of Updates to the Parent/Student Handbook for Pleasantdale School District 107 submitted by Middle School Principal Griffin Sonntag and Elementary Principal Kathleen Tomei

The D107 Parent/Student Handbook is a very comprehensive document. It is clear that many hours have been spent reflecting the practices, expectations, and legal mandates required in a Parent/School Handbook and aligning these to school board policy. The previous administrators who developed this document and the previous School Boards who have approved it over the years should be commended. As you will see the changes reflected in the proposed 2018-2019 Parent/Student Handbook, the changes were very minor in nature.

Updating the Parent/Student Handbook involved a three-step process:

1. The current handbook was read by current administrators, staff, and select parents.
2. A meeting occurred to discuss any needed changes or lack of clarity in the language. Unfortunately, this meeting was originally scheduled for Friday, February 9 and was cancelled due to the snow. A meeting did occur Tuesday, February 13 and those unable to attend the meeting submitted suggestions via email.
3. Ms. Tomei and Mr. Sonntag met to review the proposed changes and insert them into the proposed final document.

Proposed changes to the Handbook generally fell into three categories outlined below:

1. The recommended updates by the Illinois Principal's Association Model Student Handbook in which the Association provides legal updates and suggestions based upon the laws enacted with the State of Illinois over the past year.
2. The addition of Pickup Patrol to communicate at the elementary school regarding attendance and student departure information.
3. In some places, like awards and recess/lunch times, the language changed to be purposefully more general in order to provide for flexibility for the schools, and in developing new ways to recognize students that align to the strategic blueprint.

A guide for how to read the redlined document:

Strikethrough = deleted from a previous version

Red = additional new language

Double strikethrough in green = exact language is moved to a new location

Double underline in green = exact language put in this new location