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## Board of Education

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### ACTION

**TITLE:** Consider Adopting Student Related Policy Changes  
(Section 4 - Board Policy)

**DATE:** May 3, 2024

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** Dr. Michael Farrell  
Executive Director of Student Services

### BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The administration desires to update current policies to the most recent recommendation provided by the Arkansas School Board Association (ASBA). With regards to policy 4.15, 4.63, and 5.10.

On May 2, 2024 the [Student Policy Review Committee](#) met to review and discuss the following recommendations made by the Arkansas School Board Association.

**4.15—CONTACT WITH STUDENTS WHILE AT SCHOOL** - The policy was updated to address calls we (ASBA) received from districts dealing with what needed to be in the court orders for non-custodial parents to visit students. **Adds clarifications and limits the role of district engagement in said visit. BOARD ACTION NEEDED.**

**4.63—STUDENT RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION** - The policy was updated to incorporate language from Policy 5.10 so that Policy 5.10 could be repealed. **BOARD ACTION NEEDED.**

**5.10—~~RELIGION IN THE SCHOOLS~~ Policy Deleted** - This policy is being repealed due to the policy being incorporated into Policies 4.46 and 4.63. We are retaining the policy number for future use. **BOARD ACTION NEEDED**

Mr. Marshall Ney was a member of the Board Policy Review Committee which met on May 2, 2024. Members of this review committee voted unanimously to bring these proposals as written to the Fort Smith School Board. These policies are submitted in both redline and clean copy for Board review.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the changes to Board Policy 4.15, 4.63, and 5.10 as presented to be effective upon board approval. If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

**Move to approve the Board Policy 4.15, 4.63, and 5.10 as presented to be effective on board approval.**