

**Approval of DISD Local Policies-TASB Update 90 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
July 26, 2011**

**SUMMARY:**

The Board will consider a second reading approval on TASB Policy Update 90. The policies are as follows:

- **BBD(LOCAL):** Board Members - TRAINING AND ORIENTATION
- **BBI(LOCAL):** Board Members - TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS
- **CQ(LOCAL):** TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES
- **CY(LOCAL):** INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
- **EI(LOCAL):** ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
- **FMH(LOCAL):** STUDENT ACTIVITIES - COMMENCEMENT
- **FNC(LOCAL):** STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - STUDENT CONDUCT
- **FNCE(LOCAL):** STUDENT CONDUCT – PERSONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

The Board discussed TASB Update 90 policies as a workshop topic at the June 14, 2011 board meeting and first reading approval on June 28, 2011.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Update 90's key focus was on technology and the new assessment system, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

Additional policy changes in Update 90 include revised technology policies addressing board member use of district technology resources, employee and student use of district technology resources, district Web sites, accessing and searching electronic communications and student use of personal electronic devices for instructional purposes. Other policies included in the update are board member training requirements, intellectual property, employee standards of conduct, end-of-course assessments, and student use of service animals.

**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:**

The Board will review the proposed change in workshop setting and then formally conduct two readings with the second requesting final approval.

**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 Board approve on second reading the adoption of TASB Update 90 local policies.

**PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

Ray Braswell, Superintendent  
Randy Stout, DISD Legal Advisor

**ATTACHMENT:**

The proposed changes to Local policies are attached.

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_