



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

Recommendation for the Board of Education

Meeting: June 24th, 2025

Item: PRESS 118 (First Review and Discussion)

Recommendation: PRESS 118 is being provided to the Board of Education for a first review and discussion.

The Policy Committee was first provided with the policy updates on May 1st, 2025. A follow-up message was provided on May 20th, 2025, indicating that I did not see any items standing out as concerning or needing further discussion. Nonetheless, the members were asked to respond should they feel anything needed a review.

My notes on the updates are as follows:

- *Title IV* - This regulation was updated in 2024, but litigation in January struck it down. The changes move everything back to the previous regulation of 2020. The PC #535 Board of Education never approved updates with the 2024 regulation, so all our policies should already match the changes.
- *Ensuring Success in School Law* - This new legislation ensures educational support for students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence. We already have most of these practices in place, so it will not be an impactful update for us. We will need to designate a resource person for each building.
- *Artificial Intelligence (AI)* - We are a bit ahead with addressing AI in our schools. A committee developed a basic policy to be incorporated into handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year. We understood as we set the policy that it would need updating and likely become more extensive as we continue to engage and learn from AI use. The changes and resources from PRESS 118 will be helpful as we continue with the policy update over the next few years.
- *Sexting* - This topic is not new for us - we have had a few incidents at PCHS every year for the past several years. These updates will help us ground our processes and practices in policy.

Questions or comments regarding PRESS 118 should be referred to Dr. Theisinger. PRESS 118 will be included on the July 2025 regular Board of Education meeting agenda for approval.