DATE OF MEETING: October 16, 2018

TITLE: Study of Proposed Revisions to Governing Board Policy IHB (Special Instructional Programs), Regulation IHB-R and Exhibit IHB-E

BACKGROUND:

Last year, the Arizona School Board of Education revised Arizona Administrative Code ("AAC") Regulation R7-2-401 to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), as codified at 20 U.S.C. Chapter 33. The AAC R7-2-401 changes became public recently when the Arizona Secretary of State published an updated version of the AAC on its website in June 2018.

The revisions proposed for Policy IHB, together with its corresponding Regulation and Exhibit, conform to the revised AAC R7-2-401. Those changes are identified in the "redline" versions of the policy documents attached to this Board item. While the proposed revisions may appear substantial, they are truly procedural in nature and do not affect the overall purpose of Policy IHB. In fact, the District had already implemented the majority of those changes this past year.
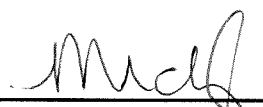
In addition, the Arizona Department of Education ("ADE") also implemented a new procedure for compliance with AAC R7-2-401 this year. ADE now requires school districts to file a "Certification Form" no later than January 2, 2019 to verify that the school district's policies and procedures conform to AAC R7-2-401.

The Administration will present this policy series to the Board for adoption at a later Board meeting, along with the Certification Form for the Board's approval and the President's signature.
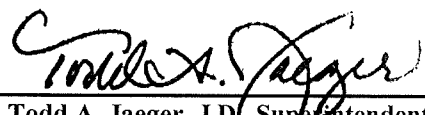
RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board's review and discussion at this time; no action is required. Revisions to the policy, regulation and exhibit, along with any additional Board-directed revisions, will be presented for approval at an upcoming Board meeting.

INITIATED BY:

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Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

Date: October 9, 2018

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent