



DATE: April 7, 2021

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Carmen Diaz Ghysels, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: First Read of Proposed Revisions of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.52, Suicide Prevention

PRESENTED BY: Jeff Santos, Executive Director of Student Services

ACTION REQUESTED

First Read of Proposed Revisions of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.52, Suicide Prevention, and provide direction to bring back to the next Regular Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Policy and regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1767), which adds to the existing 7-12 programs and mandates age-appropriate policy on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention for students in grades K-6 beginning in the 2020-21 school year. Policy reflects requirements to consult with specified stakeholders on policy development, coordinate with the county mental health plan whenever a referral is made for mental health or related services for a student in grades K-6 who is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, and ensure that employees act within the authorization and scope of their credential or license. Policy also reflects NEW LAW (AB 34) which requires the district, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, to post its suicide prevention policy in a prominent location on its web site. Regulation updated to move material regarding the printing of the national suicide hotline number on student identification cards to a new section. Regulation also adds an optional postvention strategy to identify and monitor students significantly affected by suicide and those at risk of imitative behavior.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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