



**DATE:** February 19, 2025

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

**SUBJECT:** First Read of Proposed Revision to Administrative Regulation 5113 Absences and Excuses

**PRESENTED BY:** Dr. Annamarie Cohen, Executive Director of Student Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

First Read of Proposed Revision to Administrative Regulation 5113 Absences and Excuses

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 955, 2022) which includes, as another type of required excused absence, the absence of a middle school or high school student for the purpose of participating in a civic or political event, as defined, provided that the student notifies the school ahead of the absence, and NEW LAW (AB 181, 2022) which no longer requires the State Board of Education to update its illness verification regulations as necessary to account for including, as a personal illness excused absence, a student's absence for the benefit of the student's mental or behavioral health. Regulation also updated to clarify that absences for participation in religious exercise or to receive moral and religious instruction are excused, but that in order for districts to receive average daily attendance funding for such absences, the Governing Board is required to first adopt a resolution permitting an excused absence for such purposes.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:** N/A

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