



DATE: November 20, 2024

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: First Read and Proposed Revisions to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment

PRESENTED BY: Mike Shepherd, Executive Director of Human Resources

ACTION REQUESTED

Review the proposed revisions to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations and provide direction to bring back to the next regular Board Meeting for approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Policy updated to include material related to sex discrimination, in addition to sex-based harassment. Additionally, policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1955, 2024) which prohibits a district, including a Governing Board member, from retaliating or otherwise taking adverse action against an employee, including by placing the employee on administrative leave, on the basis that the employee supported a student exercising rights specified in certain Education Code provisions, performed work in a manner consistent with the district's legal obligations related to educational equity, or provided instruction to students consistent with current content standards, curriculum frameworks, instructional materials adopted by the state board, and state law. In addition, policy updated to reflect NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474) which (1) require districts to provide a notice of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, (2) require employees with knowledge of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination or sex-based harassment in a district education program or activity to notify the Title IX Coordinator, (3) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct, and (4) require the Title IX Coordinator to offer and coordinate supportive measures when notified of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment.

Regulation updated to include material related to sex discrimination, in addition to sex-based harassment. Additionally, regulation updated to emphasize that the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any of its programs or activities, prohibits such conduct, and complies with Title IX. In addition, regulation updated to include definitions of sex discrimination and sex-based harassment, and reflect NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474) which (1) clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex, including sex-based harassment, for the purpose of Title IX includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status, (2) require specified training related to sex discrimination for all district

employees, as well as additional training for investigators, decisionmakers, and other persons who are responsible for implementing the district's grievance procedures or have the authority to modify or terminate supportive measures; facilitators of an informal resolution process; and the Title IX Coordinator(s) and designees, (3) require the district to retain for at least seven years the materials used to provide training required by Title IX and make the materials available to members of the public upon request, (4) require districts to provide a notice of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, (5) require districts to take specified actions to prevent sex discrimination and sex-based harassment, and (6) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachments: BP and AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Compared