



DATE: April 23, 2025

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: Approve Proposed Revision to Board Policy 6164.2 Guidance/Counseling Services

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

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve Proposed Revision to Board Policy 6164.2 Guidance/Counseling Services

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 278, 2023)** which establishes the Dream Resource Grant Program with the goal of creating Dream Resource Centers at schools that serve students in grades 9-12, and **NEW LAW (SB 223, 2023)** which provides flexibility for pupil personnel services holders to receive authorization to provide child welfare and attendance services by either completing a Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)-approved program of supervised field experience, or a CTC-approved program of professional preparation offered by a local educational agency. Additionally, policy updated to clarify that (1) guidance counseling regarding school programs and career, vocational, or higher education opportunities may not be differentiated based on any protected category specified in law or board policy, and that (2) the district may not use testing or other materials that permit or require impermissible or unlawful differential treatment of students, unless such different materials cover the same occupations and interest areas and the use of such materials is essential to the elimination of bias and discrimination. In addition, policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1173, 2023)** which requires a district that serves students in any of grades 9-12 that is planning to hold a college or career fair to notify each community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction of the date, time, and location of the fair, and provide an opportunity for the community college district to participate. Policy also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 665, 2023)** which aligns a section of the Family Code with a related Health and Safety Code section which allows a minor age 12 or older to consent to outpatient mental health counseling or treatment services without parent/guardian consent if, in the opinion of a school psychologist or other professional person, the minor is mature enough to participate intelligently in the services, without having to establish that the minor would present a danger of serious physical or mental harm to themselves or others without the mental counseling or treatment services or that the minor is an alleged victim of incest or child abuse; however the child's parent/guardian is required to be involved unless the professional person determines after consulting with the minor that it would be inappropriate. Policy also updated to delete the requirement for school counselors to assist in the development

of the comprehensive safety plan since this is not required by law, but maintained the requirement for school counselors to assist in the development of the disaster preparedness plan, which is part of the comprehensive safety plan.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachment: BP 6164.2. Guidance/Counseling Services