



DATE: June 26, 2024

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: Approve Proposed Revision to Board Policy 5131.2, Bullying

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

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve proposed revision to Board Policy 5131.2, Bullying

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board Policy

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1078, 2023) which requires that the district's policy prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying include a statement that the policy applies to all acts of the Governing Board and Superintendent in enacting policies and procedures that govern the district. Policy also updated to reference NEW U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE addressing discrimination, and reflect CSBA's policy brief, "School Safety: Bullying and Cyberbullying," which encourages district families to model respectful behavior, contribute to a safe and supportive learning environment, and monitor potential causes of bullying.

Administrative Regulation

Regulation updated to expand the definition of "cyberbullying" to reflect CSBA's policy brief, "School Safety: Bullying and Cyberbullying." Regulation also updated to add additional measures to prevent bullying as provided in NEW U.S. SURGEON GENERAL GUIDANCE by developing a strategic plan for school connectedness and social skills with benchmark tracking, implementing socially based educational techniques, creating a supportive school environment that fosters belonging, and building social connection into health education courses.

Additionally, regulation updated to include digital and media literacy skills in student instruction, as provided in NEW U.S. SURGEON GENERAL GUIDANCE, expand the responsibilities of staff as role models for students, and reflect NEW LAW (AB 2879, 2022) which requires a social media platform to establish a mechanism that allows any individual, regardless of whether that individual has a profile on the internet-based service, to report cyberbullying. Regulation additionally updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1165, 2023) which encourages the district to have a student who has been suspended, or for whom other means of correction have been implemented for an incident of racist bullying, harassment, or intimidation, and the victim, to

engage in a restorative justice practice suitable to address the needs of both of the students, engage the perpetrator in a culturally sensitive program, and to regularly check on the victim to ensure that the victim is not in danger of suffering from any long-lasting mental health issues.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachment:

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