



DATE: October 4, 2023
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer
SUBJECT: Approve the 2023-2024 School Attendance Review Board Membership
PRESENTED BY: Annamarie Cohen, Executive Director of Student Services

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the 2023-2024 School Attendance Review Board membership

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The mission of the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) is to help students stay in school, attend school regularly and graduate. SARB is a community-based effort to bring together resources to assist families with attendance and truancy issues. The SARB level is the district's last chance to keep students and families out of the court system. SARB's intervention with each student begins after a completed referral packet has been received from the respective school.

A serious attendance problem often begins with a few unexcused absences. District counselors, teachers, nurses, school police officers and the School Attendance Review Team (SART) may be brought in to help students at the school site level. When the school has exhausted all resources and a student's attendance has not improved, then a family may be referred to a SARB hearing. The SARB process involves outside agencies to take a deeper look into the root causes of attendance issues. Identified students are placed on an attendance contract and their progress is closely monitored.

Board approval is required when there are changes to the SARB membership.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: None

PREPARED BY: Becca Wing, Administrative Assistant, for Annamarie Cohen, Executive Director of Student Services

Attachment: 2023-2024 School Attendance Review Board Membership