



**DATE:** April 7, 2021

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Carmen Diaz Ghysels, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

**SUBJECT:** First Read of Proposed New Board Policy 5141.5, Mental Health

**PRESENTED BY:** Jeff Santos, Executive Director of Student Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

First Read of Proposed New Board Policy 5141.5, Mental Health, and provide direction to bring back to the next Regular Board Meeting.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

New policy addresses strategies and services to promote students' emotional well-being and mental health, including student instruction, staff training, crisis intervention, counseling services and referrals, Section 504 evaluation, and collaboration with mental health professionals, agencies, and organizations. Policy reflects NEW LAW (SB 75, 2019) which establishes the Mental Health Student Services Act for the purpose of supporting mental health partnerships among county mental health agencies and local educational agencies.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:** N/A

**PREPARED BY:** Becca Wing, Administrative Assistant, and Jeff Santos, Executive Director of Student Services