



**DATE:** February 19, 2025

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

**SUBJECT:** First Read of Proposed Revision to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6173 Education for Homeless Children

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

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### **ACTION REQUESTED**

First Read of Proposed Revision to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6173 Education for Homeless Children

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 408, 2022) which (1) mandates that districts establish homeless education program policies and update those policies at least once every three years, and (2) requires the liaison for homeless students to offer annual training to district employees providing services to students experiencing homelessness and to inform such employees of the availability of training and the services provided by the liaison. Policy also updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2375, 2022) which requires districts, regardless of whether they received American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds, to annually administer a housing questionnaire for the purpose of identifying students experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied minors, and annually report that number of students to the California Department of Education (CDE). Additionally, policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 532, 2022) which requires districts to annually report to CDE the number of students experiencing homelessness who graduated with an exemption from district-established graduation requirements that are in addition to statewide coursework requirements. Policy updated throughout to change language from "homeless student" to "student experiencing homelessness."

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 408, 2022) which (1) mandates that districts establish homeless education program policies and update those policies at least once every three years, and (2) requires the liaison for homeless students to offer annual training to district employees providing services to students experiencing homelessness and to inform such employees of the availability of training and the services provided by the liaison. Regulation also updated to clarify what factors to consider when determining the "best interest" of the student in enrollment decisions. Additionally, regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 181, 2022) which exempts a student classified as unduplicated from paying a fee for transportation and NEW LAW (SB 532, 2022) which provides, when a student experiencing homelessness transfers into a district school, for additional requirements regarding the transfer of coursework and credits, exemptions from district-established graduation requirements, and for the option to

remain in school to complete district-established or statewide course requirements. Regulation updated throughout to change language from "homeless student" to "student experiencing homelessness."

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:** N/A

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Attachment: BP/AR 6173 Education for Homeless Children