



DATE: June 11, 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 5145.7 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment

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

ACTION REQUESTED

First Read of Proposed Revision to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.7 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Policy updated to include material related to sex discrimination, in addition to sex-based harassment. Additionally, policy updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474)** which (1) clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex, including sex-based harassment, for the purpose of Title IX includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status, (2) require employees with knowledge of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination or sex-based harassment in a district education program or activity to notify the Title IX Coordinator, (3) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct, (4) require the Title IX Coordinator to offer and coordinate supportive measures when notified of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment (5) require specified training related to sex discrimination for all district employees, as well as additional training for investigators, decisionmakers, and other persons who are responsible for implementing the district's grievance procedures or have the authority to modify or terminate supportive measures; facilitators of an informal resolution process; and the Title IX Coordinator(s) and designees, and (6) require specified records to be maintained for seven years. In addition, policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1955, 2024)** which prohibits a district, including a Governing Board member from retaliating or otherwise taking adverse action against an employee, including by placing the employee on administrative leave, on the basis that the employee supported a student exercising rights specified in certain Education Code provisions, performed work in a manner consistent with the district's legal obligations related to educational equity, or provided instruction to students consistent with current content standards, curriculum

frameworks, instructional materials adopted by the state board, and state law. Policy also updated to (1) provide that employees are required to report incidents of prohibited discrimination within one workday, which may be modified to reflect the district's timeline, in order to maintain consistency of such reporting requirements across the policy manual, and (2) delete material related to requirements for posting and publishing the district's sexual harassment policy which are located in Administrative Regulation 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment, and the accompanying administrative regulation by reference.

Regulation updated to include material related to sex discrimination, in addition to sex-based harassment. Additionally, regulation updated to emphasize that the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any of its programs or activities, prohibits such conduct, and complies with Title IX. In addition, regulation updated to include definitions of sex discrimination and sex-based harassment, and reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474)** which (1) clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex, including sex-based harassment, for the purpose of Title IX includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status, (2) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct, and (3) provide that a district (a) may not exclude a student from participation in, deny a student the benefits of, or otherwise subject a student to discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity, (b) that in the limited circumstances in which different treatment or separation on the basis of sex is permitted, a district may not carry out such different treatment or separation in a manner that discriminates on the basis of sex by subjecting a student to more than de minimis harm, and (c) that preventing a student from participating in an education program or activity consistent with the person's gender identity subjects a person to more than de minimis harm on the basis of sex. Regulation also updated to provide that employees are required to report incidents of prohibited discrimination within one workday, which may be modified to reflect the district's timeline, in order to maintain consistency of such reporting requirements across the policy manual. Additionally, regulation updated to (1) include material formerly in Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment related to issues that are unique to intersex, nonbinary, transgender, and gender nonconforming students, (2) reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1955, 2024)** which clarifies that under existing law a district, including a Governing Board member, may not require an employee or contractor to disclose any information related to a student's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to any other person, or enact or enforce any policy, rule, or administrative regulation that would require the same, without the student's consent unless otherwise required by state or federal law, and (3) reflect **NEW LAW (SB 760, 2023)** which requires, beginning July 1, 2026, each school with more than one female student restroom and more than one male student restroom to provide and maintain at least one all-gender restroom for student use that meets the requirements of law.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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