

**NOTE:** This meeting will be held in the Boardroom.

\*Starting/ending times may vary

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 Starting Time: 6:00 – 6:20 p.m.\* CHAIR: Ms. Robbins MEMBERS: Mr. Mancl, Vice Chair Ms. Versey Mr. Laster (A quorum of the Board may be present)

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting will be held in the Board of Education meeting room, 3330 Stahl Road, Sheboygan, Wisconsin on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** The following items will be presented for consideration at that time:

Please note some Board members may be participating in this Board meeting via teleconference or other remote access technology. Members of the public who attend the meeting will be able to hear any open session dialogue between such members and the Board members present in the Boardroom. In addition, the District is offering audio and video access to the meeting via phone connection by calling 1-312-626-6799 with Meeting ID: 828 5576 4083 and Passcode: 858613 or <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82855764083?pwd=WAT4bPZxwVZJGExqCsv5IoGwSeRpXp.1</u> at the scheduled meeting time.

# REPORT TO THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE AGENDA

# 2 Min. 1. EDUCATOR RISING NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – Mr. Jacob Konrath (Information/Action)

Administration recommends the approval of North High School students to travel to Washington, D.C. from June 27 – July 2, 2024, to compete in the leadership and education events as per Policy 2340.

2 Min. 2. INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2250 – INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS – Mr. Jacob Konrath (Discussion/Possible Action)

> Administration recommends the introduction (first reading) of the following revised policy: • Policy 2250 – Program; Innovative Programs

# 2 Min. 3. INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2460.03 – INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION (IEE) - Mr. Jacob Konrath (Discussion/Possible Action)

Administration recommends the introduction (first reading) of the following revised policy: • Policy 2460.03 – Program; Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE)

# 2 Min. 4. INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5200.01 – FULL-TIME STUDENT – Mr. Jacob Konrath (Discussion/Possible Action)

Administration recommends the introduction (first reading) of the following revised policy:

Policy 5200.01 – Students; Full-Time Student

2 Min.	5.	INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5517 – STUDENT ANTI-HARASSMENT – Mr. Jacob Konrath (Discussion/Possible Action)
		<ul> <li>Administration recommends the introduction (first reading) of the following revised policy:</li> <li>Policy 5517 – Students; Student Anti-Harassment</li> </ul>
2 Min.	6.	INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5610 – SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION – Mr. Jacob Konrath (Discussion/Possible Action)
		<ul> <li>Administration recommends the introduction (first reading) of the following revised policy:</li> <li>Policy 5610 – Students; Suspension and Expulsion</li> </ul>
2 Min.	7.	INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7440.02 – SMART MONITORING EQUIPMENT – Mr. Jacob Konrath (Discussion/Possible Action)
		<ul> <li>Administration recommends the introduction (first reading) of the following new policy:</li> <li>Policy 7440.02 – Property; Smart Monitoring Equipment</li> </ul>
2 Min.	8.	INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7544 – USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA – Mr. Jacob Konrath (Discussion/Possible Action)
		<ul> <li>Administration recommends the introduction (first reading) of the following revised policy:</li> <li>Policy 7544 – Property; Use of Social Media</li> </ul>
2 Min.	9.	INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8330 – STUDENT RECORDS – Mr. Jacob Konrath (Discussion/Possible Action)
		<ul> <li>Administration recommends the introduction (first reading) of the following revised policy:</li> <li>Policy 8330 – Operations; Student Records</li> </ul>
2 Min.	10.	INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING) OF REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8407 – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM – Mr. Jacob Konrath (Discussion/Possible Action)

Administration recommends the introduction (first reading) of the following revised policy: • Policy 8407 – Operations; School Resource Officer Program

# EXTENDED TRAVEL, REGIONAL/NATIONAL COMPETITION, AND/OR INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP PRE-APPROVAL FORM

# Guidelines:

If the field trip meets <u>any</u> of the following criteria, complete this form along with the Estimated Costs Worksheet and route them for approval.

- Over 300 miles round trip
- Includes an overnight stay
- More than 24 hours
- Is a regional or national competition

# **Deadlines for Approval:**

SASD policy requires the Board of Education <u>be informed</u> of all Extended Travel and <u>approve</u> all travel for Regional/National Competitions and International Travel before the trip takes place.

To meet these requirements, please follow these deadlines:

- Identify the date of a Curriculum & Instruction (C&I) meeting that occurs at least 4 weeks before the field trip's departure date.
- The forms must be completed and routed at least 2 weeks before that C&I meeting.
- C&I meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month.

# Routing Instructions:

- Advisor: Email this form and the Estimated Costs Worksheet to your principal, copying the principal's secretary and the secretary for the Assistant Superintendent of Student & Instructional Services, Pam Warriner. Include a brief message in the email stating, "I recommend this field trip."
- Principal: Review the information. If you recommend the field trip, FORWARD the email to the secretary for the Assistant Superintendent of Student & Instructional Services, Pam Warriner. Include a brief message in the email stating, "I recommend this field trip."
- Assistant Superintendent's Secretary, S&I: Review the documents and prepare hard copies for signatures from all remaining approvers.
- Superintendent's Secretary: When all approvals have been attained, email the advisor that the field trip may take place.

# <u>Questions? Need help with formatting?</u>

• Call the secretary for the Assistant Superintendent – Student & Instructional Services, Pam Warriner, at 459-3781.

# EXTENDED TRAVEL, REGIONAL/NATIONAL COMPETITION, AND/OR INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP PRE-APPROVAL FORM

1.	Name of Group:	Sheboygan North Educators Rising
2.	Date of Application:	March 13, 2024
3.	Person Making Application:	Amber Miller
4.	School:	Sheboygan North Educators Rising
5.	Proposed Event:	Educators Rising National Leadership Conference
6.	Destination:	Washington D.C.
7.	Dates of Travel:	Jun 27, 2024 though Jul 2, 2024
8.	Purpose:	Students will compete in the leadership and education
		field related events.
9.	# of students (estimate):	12
10	. # of chaperones:	2-3
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- 11. Is this field trip a regional/national competition?
- 12. If yes, what are the qualifying criteria for participation?

X Yes No Achieve a score of 80 or above at state competition and top 2 in their event

13. Estimated Costs

Use the appropriate worksheet to calculate the cost of the trip. Use the results from the worksheet to complete the section below. The worksheet must be submitted along with this form to the Assistant Superintendent Student & Instructional Services.

A. Total Cost of Trip		B. Cost by Funding Source				
# of Students	12		Source			Total
Cost Per Student	\$1,238.97		Students	12	each	\$14,867.64
Total for all	\$14,867.64		Chaperones	3	each	\$4,523.91
Students			Student			Student
# of Chaperones Cost Per Chaperone Total for All Chaperones	3 \$1,507.97 \$4,523.91		Group/Fundraising Kids can set up GoFundMe for themselves with parents; following district guidelines.		discount based on funds raised	
			Grants			\$0.00
Total Cost of Trip	\$19,391.55		<b>Building Fund</b>	s		\$0.00
Fotals in column A, B and Total cost of rip on Cost Worksheet should be equal.			District/Centra Funds	al Adr	nin	\$0.00
			Other - specif	y her	e:	
			Total Cost of	Trip		\$19,391.55

- 14. Use the space below to answer the following questions. Do not submit additional pages. The space below will expand to fit your needs.
  - a. What activities will the students be engaged in while on the trip?

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- Students are competing in competitive events related to the field of Education such as Children's Literature, TED Talk, Outstanding Chapter, and Lesson Planning and Delivery.
- Students will be participating in breakout sessions along with their competitive event
- Students will participate in group meals
- Students will participate in award and scholarship ceremonies
- b. How will students demonstrate their learning from this experience? (Please describe specific activities that will take place after the field trip.)

Students are competing in competitive events related to the field of Education such as Children's Literature, TED Talk, Outstanding Chapter, and Lesson Planning and Delivery. From this they will expand their knowledge and professionalism as well as their career readiness.

Students will participate in break out sessions pertaining to different career pathways. With this students will get to network with professionals and peers from all around the country.

Students will participate in the awards ceremony at the end of competitions and be proud of all the amazing work they have done on their projects throughout the school year.

Students will discover what Educators Rising chapters around the world are doing to better their communities and make plans to implement them back in the Sheboygan Area.

c. How will SASD staff members involved in the field trip use their experiences during this field trip to enhance their classroom activities?

North's advisor is unable to attend the conference in Washington D.C. so parents are going to have to chaperone this trip.

d. Who will the chaperones be and how were they selected?

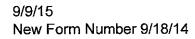
Heidi Boehmer and Eric Boehmer, parents of Aedyn Boehmer who is a competitor for Sheboygan North Educators Rising.

15. Verify that the appropriate documentation will be provided for this field trip.

a.	The school's extended travel rules and a detailed itinerary will be provided to each student and parent/guardian before the trip.	x	Yes	No
b.	Parents/guardians will review and complete the following forms, returning them to the school, before the trip takes place:		-	
	Consent for Treatment of Student	х	Yes	No
	<ul> <li>Student Travel Notice and Consent form</li> </ul>	x	Yes	No
	<ul> <li>The Parent/Legal Guardian Exclusion Waiver form (applies only to trips outside the continental US)</li> </ul>		Yes _	No

Signature	Title	Recom	nended:	Comments	
oignataic	i i de	Yes No			
Amber Miller	Advisor	X			
ONAT	Activities	X			
Adra Motor	<b>Principal</b>	X			
A 13	Asst Supt – S&I	$\boldsymbol{\chi}$			
let alt	Superintendent	X			
	Board of Education				

16. Route this form for approval. Follow the guidelines on the cover page of this form.



Supplement to SASD Board Po	licy 2340 F1 for Exte	nded, Regional/Nati	onal, and International	Field Trips	
Instructions:		· · ·			
1. SAVE this form to your own co	mputer. Do NOT edit	or save in the ShareF	oint webiste.		
2. Type information only in gold fi	elds. The remaining f	ields will auto-calcula	te.		
3. Proofread all information, inclu	ding the fields that aut	to-calculated.			
4. SAVE to your computer.	-				
5. Transfer appropriate informatio	n to Preapproval Forr	n 2340 G F1.			
6. Include this form as an attachm	ent when routing For	m 2340 G F1 for appr	ovals from principals and	d S&I.	
# of students:	12				
# chaperones (adults):	2-3				
Length of trip (# days):	5				
# of nights lodging needed:	4				

Description	Cost	Source of Funds*	Description	Cost	Source of Funds*
Cost of hotel room / night	219.00 per night per room		Cost of hotel room / night	219 per night	
# students per room, on average	4-5		# chaperones per room, on average	3	
Cost of hotel room per night, per student	219 +tax		Cost of hotel room per night, per chaperone	219 +tax	
Total cost of hotel room per student for entire trip	\$219.00	student & fundraising	Total cost of hotel room per chaperone for entire trip	\$438.00	own & fundraising
Cost of meals per student, per day, on average	\$75		Cost of meals per chaperone per day, on average	\$75.00	
Total cost of meals per student	\$375.00	student & fundraising	Total cost of meals per chaperone for entire trip	\$375.00	own & fundraising
Cost of transportation per student (if none, leave blank)			Cost of transportation per adult (if none, leave blank)		
· Chartered Bus	0		Chartered Bus		
District Vehicle	0		District Vehicle		
· Airfare	\$345.97		· Airfare	\$345.97	
Other (type description here)	٥		<ul> <li>Other (rental car to and from airport)</li> </ul>	\$50.00	
Total cost of transportation, per student	\$345.97	student & fundraising	Total cost of transportation, per adult	\$395.97	own & fundraising
Other costs per student (indicate type): Registration	\$299		Other costs per adult (indicate type): registration	\$299.00	
· Type 1:			· Type 1:		
· Type 2:	0		· Type 2:		
Total "other" costs per student	\$299.00	student &	Total "other" costs per adult	\$299.00	own & fundraising
Total Cost Per Student:	\$1,238.97	:	Total Cost Per Adult	\$1,507.97	
Total Cost Per S	tudent * Num	ber of Students	+ Total Cost Per Adult * Number Total Cos	of Adults = st of Trip:	Contraction and the contraction of the second se
Comments/Explanations:	left in the Edu will be setting themselves w	ucators Rising club g up a gofundme v vith covering extra	ing to be supplemented with fundrai o account will also go towards cutting vith their parent's permission followir costs (such as meals). Students are towards their trip. Chaperones are o	g down stud ng district gu e also putting	ent costs. Students idelines to help g boxes around at

\* Examples of funding sources include student/parent out of pocket, chaperones out of pocket, student group/fundraising, grants, building funds, and district/central administration funds. If other funding sources are used, please describe them.

\* If a student/parent organization is holding fundraisers or contributing funds, include the name of the organization.

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# 2250 - INNOVATIVE AND PILOT PROGRAMS

The Board wishes to promote the continued improvement of the instructional and curricular program of the schools through all appropriate means. It is the policy of the Board of Education to recognize the importance of research in education. Good research can lend important insights on how students learn and on how to change instructional practices to improve learning. Therefore, t The Board encourages members of the school staff and of the student body who wish to pursue a promising program for school improvement. The Administration shall evaluate the data to determine the effectiveness of any innovative/pilor program and provide such information to the Board before broader implementation. wishes to promote research in the District, seeking the improvement of all phases of the educational process. All District staff are encouraged to cooperate with colleges, universities, other recognized research agencies and private persons in promoting potentially useful research in the District. The Board will be made aware of all research projects before they occur other than the collection and analysis of custodial information. Parents/guardians will be notified prior to the commencement of any external research. Parents/guardians may prohibit their children from participating in non custodial research/collection of information.

#### An innovative/pilot program design shall address the steps below when appropriate to the project:

A. rationale

B. specific objectives

C. supportive research

D. budgeting

E. In-service requirements

F. plans for broader implementation

G. methods for evaluation

If an innovative/pilot program is to become a permanent part of the District's educational program, it must have Board approval through the regular curriculum approval process.

Each innovative program shall be consistent with the District's objectives and long-range plans. Programs designed for students with disabilities must comply with Federal and State law.

Custodial information is information or data collected for the purpose of a child's safety, health and welfare. Custodial information is not information or data concerning the personal beliefs and practices of families, i.e., religion, political activities, sexual behaviors, customs, more, etc.

The collection of information required by State and Federal statutes is not subject to this policy.

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#### 2460.03 - INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION (IEE)

An independent educational evaluation (IEE) is an evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not an employee of this District. A parent has the right to an IEE at public expense if the parent disagrees with an evaluation that the District conducted. For purposes of this policy, "evaluation" means the procedures used to determine whether a child has a disability and the nature and extent of the special education and related services the child needs. In the event the District receives a parent request for an IEE, the District must either provide the IEE at District expense pursuant to this policy or request a due process hearing to show that its evaluation is appropriate. The IEE must meet District requests a due process hearing officer determines that the District's evaluation. If the District requests a due process hearing officer determines that the District's evaluation is appropriate, the parent still has the right to an IEE, but not at public expense. Parents may only request one publicly funded IEE for each evaluation completed by the District.

#### **Procedures to Obtain an IEE at Public Expense**

- A. The parent should submit to the District a written request for an IEE, and should include in such request an explanation of their reasons for objecting to the evaluation obtained by the District. However, the District will not deny parents a publicly funded IEE because they fail to provide the District with such a written request or fail to provide reasons for requesting an IEE.
- B. If a parent requests an IEE, the District will provide the following information:
  - 1. A list of the names and addresses of IEE examiners located in the area. The list will consist of IEE examiners who, in the District's judgment, are qualified to perform the evaluation requested by the parents. If a qualified examiner is not located in the area, the District will identify a qualified examiner elsewhere in the State of Wisconsin.
  - 2. A description of the District's criteria for selection of IEE examiners.
- C. Minimum qualifications for IEE examiners. The District will not pay for an IEE unless the IEE complies with the following criteria or the parents can show unique circumstances that justify a publicly funded IEE that does not meet the criteria.
  - The prospective IEE examiner (the "examiner") must hold a valid license from the State of Wisconsin in the field related to the known or suspected disability. The examiner must have extensive training in the evaluation of the area(s) of concern and be able to interpret instructional implications of the evaluation results. In instances where no "applicable license" exists, the evaluator must provide documentation of extensive and recent training and experience related to the known or suspected disability.
  - 2. The examiner must be located within 100 miles of the District, and must conduct the evaluation within District boundaries.
  - 3. The examiner may only charge fees for educational evaluation services that, in the sole judgment of the District, are reasonable.

- 4. The examiner must be permitted to directly communicate and share information with members of the IEP Team. The examiner must also agree to release the assessment and results, including parent and teacher surveys, prior to receipt of payment for services.
- 5. If the District evaluation included an observation of the child in one (1) or more educational settings, the IEE shall include at least one (1) observation in that setting. Evaluators shall make at least one (1) contact with the child's general education teacher for the purpose of determining how the student is progressing in the general curriculum. In addition, evaluators are encouraged to make additional contacts with other involved general or special education teachers. If the purpose of the evaluation is to address a learning disability, an observation of the child is a required evaluation component.
- 6. The same criteria apply to both public and independent examiners.
- D. The maximum allowable cost for an examiner will be the average cost per day or per hour for a similarly qualified staff member employed by the District during the current school year, as determined by the Director of Student Services (not to exceed \$400). In the unusual event the examiner is one not typically employed by the District, such as a medical doctor, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, or other similar professional, reimbursement of costs will be limited to reasonable and customary charges as determined by the District and its insurance carrier. The District shall not be responsible for reimbursement of travel costs or other related costs incurred by the parents in connection with their arrangement of, or their attendance at the IEE, unless the parent can demonstrate that necessary services are not available in the community.
- E. If unique circumstances justify an IEE that exceeds the maximum allowable cost; the District must ensure the IEE is publicly funded. The District will review these circumstances on a case-by-case basis. If the total cost for an IEE exceeds the District's cost criteria and it is determined through appropriate procedures that there is no justification for excess cost, the cost of the IEE will be publicly funded up to the District's maximum allowable cost. If the District determines the cost exceeds the cost criteria, then the District must without unnecessary delay, initiate a due process hearing to demonstrate the cost did not meet appropriate agency criteria. If a District determined the cost exceeds the cost criteria, then the District unnecessary delay, initiate a due process hearing to demonstrate the cost did not meet appropriate agency criteria.

For more information, parents may request a copy of Bulletin 99.02 "Independent Educational Evaluations (IEEs)" from the District or from the Department of Public Instruction, Division of Learning Support: Equity and Advocacy.

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# 5200.01 - FULL-TIME STUDENT

The Board defines a full-time student as a student enrolled in a Board-approved program in accordance with other statutory required programs and exceptions;

a student enrolled in a District program for a full instructional day; a student enrolled in six (6) class hours per day (Grades K - 12); unless the student is enrolled in a Board-approved Early College Credit Program, Start College Now program, special education program identified in an IEP, modified program authorized for in accordance with Policy 2451 - Program or Curriculum Modifications, or an alternative education program;

a student enrolled as a 5th year senior.

Students who do not meet one (1) of the standard identified above will be classified as part-time students.

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#### 5517 - STUDENT ANTI-HARASSMENT

#### **Prohibited Harassment**

It is the policy of the Board to maintain an educational environment that is free from all forms of harassment. This commitment applies to all District operations, programs, and activities. All students, administrators, teachers, staff, and all other school personnel share responsibility for avoiding, discouraging, and reporting any form of harassment. This policy applies to conduct occurring in any manner or setting over which the Board can exercise control, including on school property, or at another location if such conduct occurs during an activity sponsored by the Board.

The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate actions to eliminate it, including suspension or expulsion of students and disciplinary action against any other individual in the School District community. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our students.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against discriminatory harassment based on the traits of sex (including gender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race, color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or any other characteristic protected by Federal or state civil rights laws (hereinafter referred to as "Protected Classes"), and encourages those within the School District community as well as Third Parties, who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify such problems. Additionally, the Board prohibits harassing behavior directed at students for any reason, even if not based on one of the Protected Classes, through its policies on bullying (See Policy 5517.01 - Bullying)

Harassment may occur student to student, student to staff, staff to student, male to female, female to male, male to male, or female to female. The Board will investigate all allegations of harassment and in those cases where harassment is substantiated, the Board will take immediate steps designed to end the harassment, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects. Individuals who are found to have engaged in harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

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#### **Other Violations of the Anti-Harassment Policy**

The Board will also take immediate steps to impose disciplinary action on individuals engaging in any of the following prohibited acts:

- A. Retaliating against a person who has made a report or filed a complaint alleging unlawful harassment, or who has participated as a witness in a harassment investigation;
- B. Filing a malicious or knowingly false report or complaint of unlawful harassment;
- C. Disregarding, failing to investigate adequately, or delaying investigation of allegations of unlawful harassment, when responsibility for reporting and/or investigating unlawful harassment charges comprises part of one's duties.

Sexual Harassment covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, i.e., sexual harassment prohibited by Title IX, is not included in this policy. Allegations of such conduct shall be addressed solely by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.

#### Notice

Notice of the Board's policy on anti-harassment in the educational environment and the identity of the District's Compliance Officers will be posted throughout the District and published in any District statement regarding the availability of employment, staff handbooks, and general information publications of the District as required by Federal and State law and this policy.

#### Definitions

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

**Complainant** is the individual or group of students who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to harassment, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**Day(s)**: Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the District office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

**Respondent** is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in harassment, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

**School District community** means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and classified staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

**Third Parties** include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

## Bullying

Bullying is prohibited by Board Policy 5517.01 – Bullying. It is defined as deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions, intended to cause fear, intimidation, or harm. Bullying may be a repeated behavior and involves an imbalance of power. Furthermore, it may be serious enough to negatively impact a student's educational, physical, or emotional well-being. Bullying need not be based on any Protected Class. Bullying behavior rises to the level of harassment when the prohibited conduct is based upon the student's sex (including gender status, change of sex, or gender identity), race color, national origin, religion, creed, ancestry, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected by Federal or State civil rights. Complaints brought under this policy that are more appropriately handled under the Bullying policy shall be referred for investigation consistent with the procedures in that policy.

Bullying that rises to the level of Sexual Harassment is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, i.e., sexual harassment prohibited by Title IX, and is not included in this policy. Allegations of such conduct shall be addressed solely by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.

#### Harassment

Harassment means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student or group of students based on one or more of the student's or group of students' Protected Class that: school employee that:

- A. places a student or group of students in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property;
- B. has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's or group of students' educational performance, opportunities, or benefits; or
- C. has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.

"Harassment" also includes "hate speech" directed against a student or group of students—the use of language, behavior, or images/symbols that express prejudice against a particular group or groups on the basis of any protected characteristic(s).

Examples are:

- A. making statements that promote violence toward a racial or ethnic group;
- B. drawing, displaying, or posting images or symbols of prejudice (e.g., swastikas).

#### **Sexual Harassment**

For purposes of this policy only and not sexual harassment under Title IX, addressed in Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, consistent with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. "Ssexual harassment" is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

- A. submission to that conduct or communication is made a term or condition, either explicitly or implicitly, of access to educational opportunities or program;
- B. submission or rejection of that conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting that individual's education;
- C. that conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's education, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.

Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of any gender against a person of the same or another gender.

Prohibited acts that constitute sexual harassment under this policy may take a variety of forms. Examples of the kinds of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- A. unwelcome verbal harassment or abuse;
- B. unwelcome pressure for sexual activity;
- C. threats or insinuations that a person's employment, wages, academic grade, promotion, classroom work or assignments, academic status, participation in athletics or extra-curricular programs, activities, or events, or other conditions of employment or education may be adversely affected by not submitting to sexual advances;
- D. unwelcome verbal expressions, including graphic sexual commentaries about a person's body, dress, appearance, or sexual activities; the unwelcome use of sexually degrading language, profanity, jokes or innuendoes; unwelcome suggestive or insulting sounds or whistles; obscene telephone calls and obscene gestures;
- E. sexually suggestive objects, pictures, graffiti, videos, posters, audio recording or literature, placed in the work or educational environment, that may reasonably embarrass or offend individuals;
- F. unwelcome, sexually motivated or inappropriate patting, pinching, or physical contact, other than necessary restraint of students by teachers, administrators, or other school personnel to avoid physical harm to persons or property;
- G. unwelcome sexual behavior or words including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's educational status;
- H. unwelcome sexual behavior or words, including demands for sexual favors, accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's educational status;
- I. unwelcome behavior or words directed at an individual because of gender;

Examples are:

- 1. repeatedly asking a person for dates or sexual behavior after the person has indicated no interest;
- 2. rating a person's sexuality or attractiveness;

- 3. staring or leering at various parts of another person's body;
- 4. spreading rumors about a person's sexuality;
- 5. letters, notes, telephone calls, or materials of a sexual nature;
- 6. displaying pictures, calendars, cartoons, or other materials with sexual content.
- J. inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the District community into a student's personal space and personal life;

Boundary invasions may be appropriate or inappropriate. Appropriate boundary invasions make medical or educational sense. For example, a teacher or aide assisting a kindergartner after a toileting accident or a coach touching a student during wrestling or football can be appropriate. However other behaviors might be going too far, are inappropriate and may be signs of sexual grooming.

Inappropriate boundary invasions may include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1. hugging, kissing, or other physical contacts with a student;
- 2. telling sexual jokes to students;
- 3. engaging in talk containing sexual innuendo or banter with students;
- 4. talking about sexual topics that are not related to the curriculum;
- 5. showing pornography to a student;
- 6. taking an undue interest in a student (i.e. having a "special friend" or a "special relationship");
- 7. initiating or extending contact with students beyond the school day for personal purposes;
- 8. using e-mail, text messaging or websites to discuss personal topics or interests with students;
- giving students rides in the staff member's personal vehicle or taking students on personal outings without administrative approval;
- invading a student's privacy (e.g. walking in on the student in the bathroom, locker-room, asking about bra sizes or previous sexual experiences);
- 11. going to a student's home for non-educational purposes;
- 12. inviting students to the staff member's home without proper chaperones (i.e. another staff member or parent of a student);
- 13. giving gifts or money to a student for no legitimate educational purpose;
- 14. accepting gifts or money from a student for no legitimate educational purpose;
- 15. being overly "touchy" with students;
- 16. favoring certain students by inviting them to come to the classroom at non-class times;
- 17. getting a student out of class to visit with the staff member;
- providing advice to or counseling a student regarding a personal problem (i.e. problems related to sexual behavior, substance abuse, mental or physical health, and/or family relationships, etc.), unless properly licensed and authorized to do so;
- 19. talking to a student about problems that would normally be discussed with adults (i.e. marital issues);
- 20. being alone with a student behind closed doors without a legitimate educational purpose;

21. telling a student "secrets" and having "secrets" with a student;

Inappropriate boundary invasions are prohibited and must be reported promptly to one of the District Compliance Officers, as designated in this policy, the Building Principal or the District Administrator.

- K. remarks speculating about a person's sexual activities or sexual history, or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history;
- L. a pattern of conduct, which can be subtle in nature, that has sexual overtones and is intended to create or has the effect of creating discomfort and/or humiliation to another;
- M. verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex-stereotyping that does not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

Not all behavior with sexual connotations constitutes unlawful sexual harassment. Sex-based or gender-based conduct must be sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent such that it adversely affects, limits, or denies an individual's education, or such that it creates a hostile or abusive educational environment, or such that it is intended to, or has the effect of, denying or limiting a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the educational program or activities.

It is further the policy of the Board that a sexual relationship between staff and students is not permissible in any form or under any circumstances, in or out of the workplace, in that it interferes with the educational process and may involve elements of coercion by reason of the relative status of a staff member to a student.

#### **Race/Color Harassment**

Prohibited racial harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's race or color and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's educational performance; creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment; or interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's race or color, such as racial slurs, nicknames implying stereotypes, epithets, and/or negative references regarding racial customs.

#### **Religious (Creed) Harassment**

Prohibited religious harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's religion or creed and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work or educational performance; creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment; or interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's religious tradition, clothing, or surnames, and/or involves religious slurs.

#### National Origin/Ancestry Harassment

Prohibited national origin/ancestry harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's national origin or ancestry and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's educational performance; creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working and/or learning environment; or interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's national origin, such as negative comments regarding customs, manner of speaking, language, surnames, or ethnic slurs.

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#### Age-Based Harassment

Prohibited age based harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's age and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's educational performance; or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment.

#### **Disability Harassment**

Prohibited disability harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's disability and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's educational performance; creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment; or interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's disability, such as negative comments about speech patterns, movement, physical impairments or defects/appearances, or the like.

## **Anti-Harassment Compliance Officers**

The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District's Compliance Officers (also known as "Anti-Harassment Compliance Officers"; hereinafter referred to as the "COs").

Jacob Konrath Assistant Superintendent of Student and Instructional Services 920-459-4030 3330 Stahl Rd, Sheboygan, WI 53081 jkonrath@sasd.net

## Andrea HolschbachJami Hintz Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources 920-459-3554 3330 Stahl Rd, Sheboygan, 53081 jhintz@sasd.net aholschbach@sasd.net

The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually on the School District's website.

The Compliance Officer(s) are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding harassment.

## **Reports and Complaints of Harassing Conduct**

Reporting procedures are as follows:

- A. Any student who believes s/he has been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy will be encouraged to report the alleged harassment to any District employee, such as a teacher, administrator or other employees.
- B. Any parent of a student who believes the student has been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy will be encouraged to report the alleged harassment to the student's teacher, building administrator or District Administrator.
- C. Teachers, administrators, and other school officials who have the knowledge or received notice that a student has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited under this policy shall immediately report the alleged harassment to the Compliance Officer and the building principal or District Administrator within two (2) days.
- D. Any other person with knowledge or belief that a student has or may have been the victim of harassment prohibited by this policy shall be encouraged to immediately report the alleged acts to any District employee, such as a teacher, administrator or other employees.
- E. The reporting party or complainant shall be encouraged to use a report form available from the principal of each building or available from the District office, but oral reports shall be considered complaints as well. Use of formal reporting forms shall not be mandated. However, all oral complaints shall be reduced to writing.
- F. To provide individuals with options for reporting harassment to an individual of the gender with which they feel most comfortable, each school's building principal shall be advised to designate both a male and a female Compliance Officer for receiving reports of harassment prohibited by this policy. At least one (1) Compliance Officer or other

individuals shall be available outside regular school hours to address complaints of harassment that may require immediate attention.

A CO Compliance Officer will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to unlawful harassment, and to assist students, other members of the School District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct, or to intercede informally on behalf of the student.

Any Board employee who directly observes unlawful harassment of a student is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to one (1) of the COsAnti Harassment Compliance Officers within two (2) days. Thereafter, the COsCompliance Officer or designee must contact the Complainant, if over age eighteen (18) or the Complainant's parents/guardians if under the age eighteen (18), within two (2) days to advise of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged misconduct, including the obligation of the compliance officer or designee to conduct an investigation following all the procedures outlined in the complaint procedures.

The COsCompliance Officers are assigned to accept complaints of harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a Third Party or to receive complaints that are initially filed with a school building administrator. Upon receipt of a complaint, either directly or through a school building administrator, a COCompliance Officer will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal process (depending on the request of the Complainant or the nature of the alleged harassment), or the District Administrator will designate a specific individual to conduct the process necessary for an informal or formal investigation. the Compliance Officer will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process. The Compliance Officer(s) will provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and Respondent. The COCompliance Officer will prepare recommendations for the District Administrator. In the case of a complaint against the District Administrator or Board member, the CO will prepare recommendations for the Board Attorney who has been designated to serve as the decision-maker for such complaints. Or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All Board employees must report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the Compliance Officer as soon as possible, but always within no more than two (2) days of learning of the incident.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflict, bias, or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation, the CO may, in consultation with the District Administrator, or Board President if the matter involves the District Administrator, engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

#### Filing a Investigation and Complaint Procedure and Initial Processing of a Complaint

Except for Sexual Harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities, any student or student's parent who believes that the student they have has been subjected to unlawful harassment may seek resolution of the complaint through the procedures described below. The formal complaint process involves an investigation of the Complainant's claims of harassment or retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated.

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of unlawful harassment, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. Once the formal complaint process is begun, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the complaint being received).

The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of a student to pursue a complaint of harassment or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights ("OCR") and/or the other applicable government agency. Wisconsin Equal Rights Division. The Chicago Office of the OCR can be reached at John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn Street, 37th Floor Chicago, IL 60604; Telephone: 312-730-1560; FAX: 312-730-1576; TDD: 800-877-8339; Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov; Web: http://www.ed.gov/ocr.

If at any time during the investigation process the investigator determines that the complaint is properly defined as Bullying, under Policy 5517.01 - Bullying and not Harassment under this Policy, because the conduct at issue is not based on a student's Protected Characteristics, the investigator shall transfer the investigation to the appropriate building principal.

If during an investigation of alleged bullying, aggressive behavior, and/or harassment, in accordance with Policy 5517.01 -Bullying, the Principal believes that the reported misconduct may have created a hostile educational environment and may have constituted discriminatory harassment based on a Protected Class, the Principal shall report the act of bullying, aggressive behavior, and/or harassment to one (1) of the Compliance Officer(s) who shall investigate the allegation in accordance with this policy. If the alleged harassment involves Sexual Harassment as defined by Policy 2266 -Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities, the matter will be investigated in accordance with the grievance process and procedures outlined in Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities. While the Compliance Officer investigates the allegation, or the matter is being addressed pursuant to Policy 2266, the Principal shall suspend the Policy 5517.01 - Bullying investigation to await the Compliance Officer's written report or the determination of responsibility pursuant to Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities. The Compliance Officer shall keep the Principal informed of the status of the investigation under this policy and provide the Principal with a copy of the resulting report. Likewise, the Title IX Coordinator will provide the Principal with the determination of responsibility that results from the Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities grievance process.

#### **Complaint and Investigation Procedure**

A Complainant may file a complaint, either orally or in writing with a teacher, principal, or other District employee at the student's school, the CO, Compliance Officer, District Administrator, or other District official who works at another school or at the District level. Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of unlawful harassment, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a Complainant informs a teacher, principal, or other District official at the student's school, the CO, Compliance Officer, District Administrator, or other District employee, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of harassment, that employee must report such information to the CO Compliance Officer or designee within two (2) days.

Throughout the course of the process, the CO Compliance Officer should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All complaints must include the following information to the extent known: the identity of the Respondent; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); and a list of potential witnesses.

If the eComplainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the Compliance Officer shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter the CO Compliance Officer will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the eComplainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a complaint, the CO Compliance Officer will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further harassment or retaliation including but not limited to a change of class schedule for the Complainant or the Respondent or possibly a change of school for either or both of the parties. In making such a determination, the Compliance Officer should consult the District Administrator prior to any action being taken. The complainant should be notified of any proposed action prior to such action being taken.

As soon as appropriate in the investigation process, the CO Compliance Officer will inform the Respondent that a complaint has been received. individual alleged to have engaged in the harassing conduct, hereinafter referred to as the "respondent", that a complaint has been received. The respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations and a copy of any relevant policies and/or these administrative procedures and the Board's anti-harassment policy shall be provided to the respondent at that time. The respondent must also be provided an informed of the opportunity to respond to the complaint. If the respondent is another student, the student may respond to the allegations orally in an interview with the Compliance Officer or in writing within five (5) days.

All investigations shall be commenced as soon as practicable upon receipt of a complaint and concluded as expeditiously as feasible, in consideration of the circumstances, while taking measures to complete a thorough investigation. The Complainant shall be notified in writing of receipt of the complaint within forty-five (45) days of the complaint and shall reach a determination concerning the complaint within ninety (90) days of receipt unless additional time is agreed to by the Complainant.

Generally, \Wwithin two (2) days of receiving the complaint, the CO Compliance Officer or a designee will initiate an formal investigation by at a minimum confirming receipt of the complaint with the Complaintant and informing the Complainant of the Investigation process. to determine whether the complainant has been subject to offensive conduct/harassment. A principal will not conduct an investigation unless directed to do so by the Compliance Officer.

The investigation generally will include:

- A. interview(s) with the complainant;
- B. interview(s) with the respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who reasonably may be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations, as determined by the CO;

D. consideration of any documentation or other evidence presented by the eComplainant, rRespondent, or any other witness which is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations as determined by the CO.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO Compliance Officer or the designee shall prepare and deliver a written report to the District Administrator which summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of harassment as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent engaged in harassment/retaliation of the Complianant. In determining if harassment occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used. The Compliance Officer CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved. The Compliance Officer may consult with the Board Attorney before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

The CO may consult with the Board's attorney during the course of the investigatory process and/or before finalizing the report to the District Administrator.

Generally, within five (5) days of receiving the report of the CO, the District Administrator, or in the case of a complaint against the District Administrator or a Board member, the person designated to serve as the decisionmaker for the complaint either must issue a written decision regarding whether the complaint has been substantiated or request further investigation. A copy of the District Administrator's final decision will be delivered to both the Complainant and the Respondent. The District Administrator may redact information from the decision consistent with applicable law. The Board authorizes the District Administrator to consult with legal counsel to determine the extent to which information in an investigation report must be provided to either the Complainant or Respondent.

In cases where no District CO is able to investigate a complaint due to concerns regarding conflicts, bias or partiality, or for other reasons that impair the CO's ability to conduct an investigation the CO may in consultation with the District Administrator or Board President, if the matter involves the District Administrator, engage outside legal counsel to conduct the investigation consistent with this policy.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within ten (10) days of receiving the report of the Compliance Officer or the designee, the District Administrator either must issue a final decision regarding whether or not the complaint of harassment has been substantiated or request further investigation. A copy of the District Administrator's written decision will be delivered to both the complainant and the respondent.

If the District Administrator requests additional investigation, the District Administrator must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five <u>ten</u> (510) days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the District Administrator must issue a final written decision as described above.

The decision of the District Administrator shall be final. If the complainant feels that the decision does not adequately address the complaint they s/he may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by submitting a written request to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction ("DPI"), Pupil Nondiscrimination Program, or by contacting the DPI Pupil Nondiscrimination Program at (608) 267-9157.

# If the decision of the District Administrator is that there is no finding of harassment pursuant to this policy, the student/parent will be informed of the provisions of Policy 5517.01 Bullying.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of **unlawful**-harassment regardless of whether the member of the School District community or the Third Party alleging the **unlawful**-harassment pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board **or its designee**.

To the extent required by law or permitted by the District, **T** he parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint process is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

#### **Additional School District Action**

If the evidence suggests that the harassment at issue is a crime or requires mandatory reporting under the Children's Code (Sec. 48.981, Wis. Stat.), the CO or District Administrator shall report the harassment to the appropriate social service and/or law enforcement agency charged with responsibility for handling such investigations and crimes.

Any reports made to the local child protection service or to local law enforcement shall not terminate the CO's obligation and responsibility to continue to investigate a complaint of harassment. While the COs may work cooperatively with outside agencies to conduct concurrent investigations, in no event shall the harassment investigation be inhibited by the involvement of outside agencies without good cause after consultation with the District Administrator.

#### **Privacy/Confidentiality**

The District will employ make all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the eComplainant and the rRespondent(s) and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the District's legal obligations to investigation, take appropriate action, and comply with any discovery or disclosure obligations. The District will respect the privacy of the complainant, the respondent, and all witnesses in a manner consistent with the District's legal obligations under State and Federal law. Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, however. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided an an opportunity to meaningfully respond to allegations which may include disclosure of the Complainant's identity.

All records generated under the terms of this policy shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided with the Complainant's identity.

During the course of an investigation, the CO Compliance Officer or his/her designee will instruct each person all members of the School District community and third parties who are interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an harassment investigation is expected not to disclose to Third Parties any information that is s/he learneds or that s/he providesd-during the course of the investigation.

#### **Directives During Investigation**

The CO may recommend to the District Administrator placing any employee involved in an investigation under this Policy on administrative leave pending resolution of the matter. If the District Administrator is the Respondent, the CO shall make such recommendation to the Board. For example, administrative leave may be appropriate in situations in which protecting the safety of any individual or the integrity of the investigation necessitates such action.

The CO shall determine whether any witnesses in the course of an investigation may be required to answer questions that could also involve criminal investigations or sanctions, including the existence of a co-occurring law enforcement investigation are still required to answer questions concerning that could also involve criminal investigations or sanctions, including the existence of a co-occurring law enforcement investigation or sanctions, including the existence of a co-occurring law enforcement investigation or sanctions, including the existence of a co-occurring law enforcement investigation are still required to answer questions concerning the District's investigation, but are entitled to do so without waiting their Constitutional right against self-incrimination that applies during a criminal investigation. Employees should be advised of this right, through what is often referred to as a "Garrity Warning'. The Garrity Warning informs the employee that the employee's conduct may be used by the District for determining appropriate discipline, but will not be provided to law enforcement officials in the course of their independent criminal investigation, unless otherwise required by law. (see Form 5517 F3 - "Garrity Warning"

Every employee interviewed in the course of an investigation is required to provide truthful responses to all questions. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

#### **Remedial Action and Monitoring**

If warranted, appropriate remedial action shall be determined and implemented on behalf of the Complainant, including but not limited to counseling services, reinstatement of leave taken because of the discrimination, or other appropriate action.

The Board may appoint an individual, who may be a District employee, to follow up with the Complainant to ensure no further discrimination or retaliation has occurred and to take action to address any reported occurrences promptly.

## Sanctions and Disciplinary Action

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against harassment by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further misconduct.

While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable law.

When imposing discipline, the District Administrator shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the age and maturity level of any student those involved. In those cases where unlawful harassment is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies.

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior disciplinary action has been taken against the Respondent, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or District Administrator shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its reoccurrence, and remedy its effects.

#### Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging harassment/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

#### Reprisal

Submission of a good faith complaint or report of harassment will not affect the Complainant's status or educational environment. However, the Board also recognizes that false or fraudulent claims of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such claims may be filed. The Board reserves the right to discipline any person filing a false or fraudulent claim of harassment or false or fraudulent information about such a claim.

The District will discipline or take appropriate action against any member of the School District community who retaliates against any person who reports an incident of harassment prohibited by this policy or participates in a proceeding, investigation, or hearing relating to such harassment. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.

#### **Education and Training**

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of unlawful discriminatory practices. The District Administrator shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District students and staff where appropriate. All training, as well as all information, provided regarding the Board's policy and discrimination in general, will be age and content appropriate. Board will develop a method of discussing this policy with the School District community. Training on the requirements of non discrimination and the appropriate responses to issues of harassment will be provided to the School District community on an annual basis, and at such other times as the Board in consultation with the District Administrator determines is necessary or appropriate.

This policy shall be reviewed at least annually for compliance with local, State, and Federal law.

The District shall conspicuously post a notice including this policy against harassment in each school in a place accessible to the School District community and members of the public. This notice shall also include the name, mailing address and telephone number of the Compliance Officers, the name, mailing address and telephone number of the State agency responsible for investigating allegations of discrimination in educational opportunities, and the mailing address and telephone number of the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

A summary of this policy shall appear in the student handbook and shall be made available upon request of parents, students, and other interested parties.

#### **Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials**

The CO is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all information, documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and received as part of an investigation including but not limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/ complaints/ statements;
- B. narratives of all verbal reports, allegations, complaints, and or-statements collected;
- C. a narrative of all actions taken by District personnel;
- D. any written documentation of actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities;

#### E. written witness statements;

- F. narratives of or notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of verbal witness statements;
- G. any documentary evidence;
- H. handwritten and contemporaneous notes;
- I. e-mails, texts, or social media posts related to the investigation and allegations;
- J. Contemporaneous notes in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.) pertaining to the investigation;
- K. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and a narrative of verbal disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of the policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination or harassment;
- L. dated written determinations to the parties;
- M. dated written descriptions of verbal notifications to the parties;
- N. written documentation of any supportive measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and/or the Respondent, including no-contact orders issued to both parties, and dates issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt;
- O. documentation of all actions taken both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or of harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy the discriminatory effects;
- P. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Code of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
- Q. Copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
- R. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy.

The information, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal and/or State law (e.g., student records).

The information, documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310 - Public Records, Policy 8315 - Information Management, Policy 8320 - Personnel Records, Policy 8330 - Student Records for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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#### 5610 - SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The Board of Education recognizes that exclusion from educational programs of the School District, by suspension or expulsion, is a substantial sanction and that such action must comply with the student's due process rights.

## SUSPENSION

For purposes of this policy, "suspension" shall be the short-term exclusion of a student from a regular District program.

The District Administrator, the any principal, or a teacher designated by the District Administrator may suspend a student for up to five (5) school days or, if a notice of expulsion hearing has been sent, for up to fifteen (15) consecutive school days, or ten (10) consecutive school days for each incident if the student is eligible for special education services under Chapter 115, Wis. Stats.

The suspension must be reasonably justified based upon the grounds authorized under Sec. 120.13, Wis. Stats., which include, but are not limited to: noncompliance with school rules or Board rules; knowingly conveying any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives; conduct by the student while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority that endangers the property, health, or safety of others; conduct while not at school or under the supervision of a school authority; or conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority; or safety of any employee or School Board member of the District in which the student is enrolled.

The District Administrator, any the principal, or a teacher designated by the School District Administrator shall suspend a student if the student possessed a firearm, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3), while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority.

The parent of a suspended minor must be given prompt notice of the suspension and the reason for the suspension. The student's suspension from school shall be entered in the student's record as required by the rules adopted by the Board concerning the content of the student records. The suspended student or the student's parent or guardian may, within five (5) school days following the commencement of the suspension, have a conference with an administrator the District Administrator, who shall be someone other than a principal, administrator or teacher in the suspended student's school, to discuss removing reference to the suspension from the student's records. Reference to the suspension on the student's school record shall be removed if the administrator Administrator finds that: the student was suspended unfairly or unjustly; the suspension was inappropriate, given the nature of the alleged offense; or the student suffered undue consequences or penalties as a result of the suspension. The administrator shall make a finding within fifteen (15) days of the conference.

A suspended student shall not be denied the opportunity to take any quarterly, semester, or grading period examinations or to complete course work missed during the suspension period. Such work shall be completed pursuant to the procedures established by the Board.

In the event a student is classified as Homeless, the building principal shall consult with the Homeless Coordinator to determine whether the conduct is a result of homelessness. The Homeless Coordinator will assist administration and the student's parents or guardian in correcting conduct subject to disciplinary action that is caused by homelessness.

#### **EXPULSION**

Under this policy, expulsion shall mean the Board will not permit a student to attend school at all, including any schoolsponsored events or activities, for a specified period of time. If the student is expelled, the Board will determine the length of the expulsion period, which may extend at a maximum to the student's 21st birthday. The Board's expulsion order may include the opportunity for the student to return to school prior to expiration of the term of expulsion under a specified set of early reinstatement condition(s) which are related to the conduct for which the student was expelled. The condition(s), once set forth in an expulsion order, shall be administered at the discretion of the District Administrator who shall have the authority to deny early reinstatement if any early reinstatement condition is not met prior to reinstatement or to revoke it for the remainder of the expulsion period if any enrollment conditions applicable to the student's attendance during a period of expulsion under early reinstatement, or conditional enrollment, are deemed by the District Administrator to have been violated. The decision to revoke a student's conditional enrollment shall be explained in writing. The student or student's parent may request a conference with the District Administrator within five (5) school days of a decision to revoke early reinstatement. The District Administrator shall meet with the student and/or parents within five (5) school days of a request. The District Administrator's decision is final.

The District Administrator may designate another School District employee to perform the functions pertaining to a student's early reinstatement, but may not designate someone that is an administrator or teacher in the student's school.

The Board may expel a student only when it is satisfied that the interest of the school demands the student's expulsion and only when the student: repeatedly refused or neglected to obey the rules established by the School District; knowingly conveyed or caused to be conveyed any threat or false information concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made or to be made to destroy any school property by means of explosives; engaged in conduct while at school while under the supervision of a school authority that endangered the property, health, or safety of others; engaged in conduct while not at school or while not under the supervision of a school authority or endangered the property, health, or safety of any employee or Board member of the School District in which the student is enrolled; or was at least sixteen (16) years old and had repeatedly engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority or endangered the property, health, or safety of any employee or Board member of the School District in which the student is enrolled; or was at least sixteen (16) years old and had repeatedly engaged in conduct while at school or while under the supervision of a school authorities to maintain order or an educational atmosphere at school or at an activity supervised by a school authority and that such conduct did not otherwise constitute grounds for expulsion. For purposes of this policy, conduct that endangers a person or property includes making a threat to the health or safety of a person or making a threat to damage property.

The School Board shall hold an expulsion hearing in the event a student is in possession of a firearm while at school or under the supervision of school authorities and shall expel a student from school for not less than one (1) year whenever it finds that the student brought a firearm to school or, while at school or while under the supervision of a school authority, possessed a firearm, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a) (3), unless the Board finds that the punishment should be reduced based upon the circumstances of the incident. Any such finding by the Board shall be in writing.

The District shall refer any student who brings a firearm (as defined in 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)) or a weapon to school law enforcement.

As required by 20 U.S.C. 7151, the District Administrator will ensure that the following information is sent to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: a copy of this policy; a description of the circumstances surrounding any expulsion(s) for violating the above-stated firearms policy; the name of the school; the number of students expelled; and the types of firearms involved.

Prior to expelling a student, the Board shall provide the student with a hearing. Prior written notice of the hearing must be sent separately to both the student and if the student is a minor, to their parent(s) or guardian(s). The notice must be sent at least five (5) days prior to the date of hearing, not counting the date notice is sent. The notice must also satisfy the requirements of Sec. 120.13(1) (c)4, Wis. Stats.

An expelled student or, if the student is a minor, the student's parent(s)-or guardian(s) may appeal the Board's expulsion decision to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. An appeal from the decision of the Department may be taken within thirty (30) days to the circuit court for the county in which the school is located.

In the event a student is classified as Homeless, the building principal shall consult with the Homeless Coordinator to determine whether the conduct is a result of homelessness. The District will not expel a homeless student for conduct that is caused by the student's homelessness. The Homeless Coordinator will assist administration and the student's parents or guardians in correcting conduct subject to disciplinary action that is caused by homelessness. If the conduct in question is determined not to be caused by the student's homelessness, the District shall proceed with expulsion proceedings as outlined in this policy.

## ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy, which shall include, at a minimum:

- A. strategies for providing special assistance to students who are in danger of being expelled and are not achieving the goals of the educational program;
- B. procedures that ensure compliance with State and Federal law including, but not limited to, due process rights;
- C. provision for completing school work when appropriate.

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#### 7440.02 - SMART MONITORING EQUIPMENT

In order to protect students and faculty, promote security and protect the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and visitors, the Board authorizes the use of smart sensor and electronic monitoring equipment on school property, and in school buildings and school buses. Information obtained through smart sensor devices may be used to identify intruders and persons breaking the law, Board policy, or the Student Code of Conduct (i.e., it may be used as evidence in disciplinary actions and criminal proceedings).

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The monitoring of actions and behavior of individuals who come onto school property is a significant factor in maintaining order and discipline and protecting students, staff, visitors, and school and student property. Smart sensor monitoring systems serve to complement other means being employed in the District to promote and foster a safe and secure teaching and learning environment for students and staff. The Board recognizes that the use of a smart sensor monitoring system does not replace the need for the ongoing vigilance of the school staff assigned by the building principal to monitor and supervise the school building. Rather, the smart sensor monitoring system serves as an appropriate and useful tool with which to augment or support the in-person supervision provided by staff. The building principal is responsible for verifying that due diligence is observed in maintaining general campus safety and security.

The District Administrator is responsible for determining where to install and operate fixed-location smart sensor monitoring equipment in the District. The determination of where and when to use smart sensor equipment will be made in a nondiscriminatory manner. Smart sensor equipment may be placed in designated areas in school buildings (e.g., school hallways, restrooms, classrooms, locker rooms, entryways, the front office where students, employees, and visitors are permitted to freely come and go, gymnasiums, cafeterias, libraries).

Any person who takes action to block, move, or alter the location of a smart sensor shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Any information obtained from smart sensor monitoring systems may only be used to support the orderly operation of the School District's schools and facilities, and for law enforcement purposes, and not for any other purposes. As such, information obtained through the use of smart sensor equipment may be used as evidence in any disciplinary proceedings, administrative proceedings or criminal proceedings, subject to Board policy and regulations.

Smart sensor technology is to be implemented in accordance with this policy and the related guidelines. The Board will not accept or tolerate the improper use of smart sensor equipment and will take appropriate action in any cases of wrongful use of this policy.

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#### 7544 - USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Technology is a powerful tool to enhance education, communication, and learning.

The Board authorizes the use of social media to promote community involvement and facilitate effective communication with students, parents, staff, and the general public. Social media is defined in Bylaw 0100 - Definitions.

The District Administrator is charged with designating the District-approved social media platforms/sites which shall be listed on the District's website.

It is critical that students be taught how to use social media platforms safely and responsibly. Social media (as defined in Bylaw 0100 - Definitions) are a powerful and pervasive technology that affords students and employees the opportunity to communicate for school and work purposes and to collaborate in the delivery of a comprehensive education. Federal law mandates that the District provide for the education of students regarding appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and regarding cyberbullying awareness and response. See Board Policy 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety.

The District recognizes that employees may use social media for personal as well as professional reasons. The District neither encourages nor discourages employees' use of social media for personal purposes. The District regulates employees' use of social media for personal purposes. The District regulates employees' use of social media for purposes related to their District assignment to the same extent as it regulates any other form of employee communication in that regard.

The District uses approved social media platforms/sites as interactive forms of communication and accepts public comments. The District-approved social media platforms/sites are considered limited public forums. As such, the District will monitor posted comments to verify they are on-topic, consistent with the posted rules for use of the forum, and in compliance with the platform's/site's applicable terms of service. The Board's review of posted comments will be conducted in a viewpoint-neutral manner, and consistent with State and Federal law. Employees' personal posts on the public platforms/sites are limited/restricted to matters of general public interest that are not related to the employee's specific employment and wholly unrelated to the employee's job responsibilities (i.e., matters where it is clear the individual is posting not in an official capacity, but simply as a member of the public). Employees in administrative positions are ordinarily not permitted to post personal comments on matters of general public interest because to do so could be misconstrued as Board-sponsored speech.

Each District-approved social media account/site must contain a statement that specifies its purpose(s) and limits those who access the social media account/site to use of the account/site only for that/those purpose(s), in accordance with any specified procedures and applicable terms of service. Users are personally responsible for the content of their posts.

The District Administrator shall maintain the District's social media presence with respect to general announcements, notices, or other such communications that are disseminated to the public at large or specific audiences within the community. To the extent individual staff members wish to post information or announcements to a District social media platform, the staff member may request that the District Administrator approve and post such information. (This provision does not apply to social media communications that are related to instructional and school-sponsored activities.)

#### Social Media for Instructional and School-Sponsored Activities

Staff may, with prior approval/authorization from the Principal, use social media platforms/sites for communications about classroom instruction or school-sponsored activities, as well as to support classroom instruction. When a staff member uses a District-approved social media platform/site for an educational purpose, it will be considered an educational activity and will not be considered a limited public forum. Students' use of District-approved social media platforms/sites must be consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, Policy 5722/AG 5722 – School-Sponsored Student Publications and Productions, Policy 7540.03/AG 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, the instructor's directions/procedures, and the platform's/site's applicable terms of service. Students are prohibited from posting or releasing personally identifiable information about students, employees, and volunteers through District-approved social media without appropriate consent.

Staff members must provide parents of students involved in a school-sponsored activity the ability to opt out of having their child use social media platforms/sites for communication purposes associated with that activity, and arrange for an alternative method of communicating with the participating student concerning the school-sponsored activity.

## **Expected Standards of Conduct on District-Approved Social Media**

Employees who access District-approved social media platforms are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner. Students, parents, and members of the general public who access District-approved social media platforms are similarly expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and civil manner.

District-approved social media sites shall not contain content that is obscene; is vulgar and lewd such that it undermines the school's basic educational mission; is libelous or defamatory; constitutes hate speech; promotes illegal drug use; is aimed at inciting an individual to engage in unlawful acts or to cause a substantial disruption or material interference with District operations; or interferes with the rights of others. The District may exercise editorial control over the style and content of student speech on District-approved social media if reasonably related to legitimate pedagogical concerns. Staff or students who post prohibited content shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The District is committed to protecting the privacy rights of students, parents/guardians, staff, volunteers, Board members, and other individuals on District-approved social media sites. District employees are prohibited from posting or releasing confidential information about students, employees, volunteers, or District operations through social media, without appropriate consent (i.e., express written consent from the parent of a student, the affected employee or volunteer, or the District Administrator concerning District operations). Employees and District-approved volunteers are prohibited from using District-approved social media platforms/sites to communicate privately with individual students.

## **Retention of Public/Student Records**

District communications that occur through the use of District-approved social media platforms/sites – including staff members' use of social media with school-sponsored activities, and comments, replies, and messages received from the general public – may constitute public records or student records, and all such communications will be maintained (i.e., electronically archived) in accordance with the Board's adopted record retention schedule and all applicable State statutes. (See AG 8310A –Public Records)

Staff members cannot rely on social networking platforms (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to sufficiently fulfill potential records retention requirements because these platforms, in general, do not guarantee retention and are unlikely to assist in the production of third-party comments and communications that have been edited, deleted, or are otherwise no longer available. Consequently, District employees who use such social media accounts for professional communications must operate them in accordance with the general archiving practices and technology instituted by the District so records remain within the District's control and are appropriately retained.

If a staff member uses District-approved social media platforms/sites in the classroom for educational purposes (i.e., classroom instruction), the staff member must consult with the Principal concerning whether such use may result in the creation of public and/or education records that must be maintained (i.e., electronically archived) for a specific period of time.

#### Employees' Use of District Technology Resources to Access Social Media for Personal Use

Employees are permitted to use District technology resources (as defined in Bylaw 0100-Definitions) to access social media for personal use during breaks and mealtimes.

They are reminded that the District may monitor their use of District technology resources.

#### Employees' Use of Personal Communication Devices at Work to Access Social Media for Personal Use

Employees are permitted to use District technology resources (as defined in Bylaw 0100 Definitions) to access social media for personal use during work hours, provided it does not interfere with the employee's job performance.

#### They are reminded that the District may monitor their use of District technology resources.

Employees are permitted to use personal communication devices to access social media for personal use during breaks and mealtimes.

Employees are prohibited from posting or engaging in communication that violates State or Federal law, Board policies, or administrative guidelines. If an employee's/volunteer's communication interferes with their ability to effectively perform their job or violates State or Federal law, Board policies, or administrative guidelines, the District may impose disciplinary action and/or refer the matter to appropriate law enforcement authorities.

This policy and its corresponding administrative guideline will be reviewed and updated as necessary.

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#### 8330 - STUDENT RECORDS

In order to provide appropriate educational services and programming, the Board must collect, retain, and use information about individual students. Simultaneously, the Board recognizes the need to safeguard students' privacy and restrict access to students' personally identifiable information.

Except for data identified by policy as "directory data," student "personally identifiable information" includes, but is not limited to: the student's name; the name of the student's parent or other family members; the address of the student or student's family; a personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record; other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name; other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty; or information requested by a person who the District reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the education record relates.

Reference in this policy to "directory data," includes reference to "directory information," in the context of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Board is responsible for the records of all students who attend or have attended schools in this District. Only records mandated by the State or Federal government and/or necessary and relevant to the function of the School District or specifically permitted by this Board will be compiled by Board employees.

In all cases, permitted, narrative information in student records shall be objectively-based on the personal observation or knowledge of the originator.

Student records shall be available only to students and their parents, eligible students, designated school officials who have a legitimate educational interest in the information, or to other individuals or organizations as permitted by law.

#### **Address Confidentiality Program**

Students who are verified participants in the Safe at Home/Address Confidentiality Program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Justice shall be permitted to use their substitute assigned address for all District purposes. The Board shall refrain from including the student's actual/confidential residential address if any when releasing student records or files (including electronic records and files) or disclosing the student's actual/confidential residential address if any when releasing student records. The Board shall only list the address designated by the Wisconsin Department of Justice to serve as the student's address in any student records or files, including electronic records and files. Further, the Board shall use the student's substitute assigned address for any and all communications and correspondence between the Board and the parent(s) of the student (or adult student). The student's actual/confidential residential address shall be maintained in a separate confidential file that is not accessible to the public or any employees without a legitimate purpose. the Intentional disclosure of a student's actual/confidential residential address is prohibited.

The Board may enter into a memorandum of understanding with a county department under State statutes (s.46.215,46.22 or 46.23) or a tribal organization, as defined under Federal law, that permits disclosure of information contained in student records as provided under State law in cases in which the student's parent, if the student is a minor, or the student, if the student is an adult, does not grant permission for such disclosure.

The term "parents" includes legal guardians or other persons standing in loco parentis (such as a grandparent or stepparent with whom the child lives, or a person who is legally responsible for the welfare of the child). The term "eligible student" or "adult student" refers to a student who is eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Both parents shall have equal access to student records unless stipulated otherwise by court order or the law. In the case of adult students, parents may be allowed access to the records without the student's consent, provided the student is considered a dependent under section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code, and provided that the student has not made a written request to the District that their parents not be permitted access to personally identifiable information from their records.

A school official is a person employed by the Board as an administrator, supervisor, teacher/instructor (including substitutes), or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the Board; a person or company with whom the Board has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, or medical consultant); a contractor, consultant, volunteer or other party to whom the Board has outsourced a service otherwise performed by Board employees (e.g. a therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing their tasks (including volunteers).

"Legitimate educational interest" is defined as a "direct or delegated responsibility for helping the student achieve one (1) or more of the educational goals of the District" or if the record is necessary in order for the school official to perform an administrative, supervisory, or instructional task or to perform a service or benefit for the student or the student's family. The Board directs that reasonable and appropriate methods (including but not limited to physical and/or technological access controls) are utilized to control access to student records and to make certain that school officials obtain access to only those education records in which they have a legitimate educational interest.

The Board authorizes the administration to:

- A. forward student records, including disciplinary records with respect to suspensions and expulsions, upon request to a private or public school or school district in which a student of this District is enrolled, seeks or intends to enroll, or is instructed to enroll, on a full-time or part-time basis, upon condition that:
  - a reasonable attempt is made to notify the student's parent or eligible student of the transfer (unless the disclosure is initiated by the parent or eligible student; or the Board's annual notification - Form 8330 F9 includes a notice that the Board will forward education records to other agencies or institutions that have requested the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer);
  - 2. the parent or eligible student, upon request, receive a copy of the record; and
  - 3. the parent or eligible student, upon request, has an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the record; and
  - 4. no later than the next working day, the District shall transfer to another school, including a private or tribal school, or school district, all student records relating to a specific student if the transferring school district or private school has received written notice from the student (if an adult) or their parent or guardian if the student is a minor that the student intends to enroll in the other school or school district or written notice from the student has enrolled or from a court that the student has been placed in a juvenile correctional facility, as defined in s. 938.02(10p), or a secured residential care center for children and youth, as defined in s. 938.02(15g);

In this subsection, "school" and "school district" include any juvenile correctional facility, secured residential care center for children and youth, adult correctional institution, mental health institute, or center for the developmentally disabled that provides an educational program for its residents instead of, or in addition to, that which is provided by public, private, and tribal schools.

- B. forward student records, including disciplinary records with respect to suspensions and expulsions, upon request to a juvenile detention facility in which the student has been placed, or a juvenile court that has taken jurisdiction of the student;
- C. disclose student records that are pertinent to addressing a student's educational needs to a caseworker or other representative of the department of children and families, a county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23, or a tribal organization, as defined in 25 USC 450b(L), that is legally responsible for the care and protection of the

student, if the caseworker or other representative is authorized by that department, county department, or tribal organization to access the student's case plan;

- D. provide "personally-identifiable" information to appropriate parties, including parents of an eligible student, whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals, if there is an articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals, considering the totality of the circumstances;
- E. report a crime committed by a child to appropriate authorities, and, with respect to reporting a crime committed by a student with a disability, to transmit copies of the student's special education and disciplinary records to the authorities for their consideration;
- F. release de-identified records and information in accordance with Federal regulations;
- G. disclose personally identifiable information from education records, without consent, to organizations conducting studies "for, or on behalf of" the District for purposes of developing, validating or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, or improving instruction;

Information disclosed under this exception must be protected so that students and parents cannot be personally identified by anyone other than representative of the organization conducting the study, and must be destroyed when no longer needed for the study. In order to release information under this provision, the District will enter into a written agreement with the recipient organization that specifies the purpose of the study.

This written agreement must include:(1) specification of the purpose, scope, duration of the study, and the information to be disclosed; (2) a statement requiring the organization to use the personally identifiable information only to meet the purpose of the study; (3) a statement requiring the organization to prohibit personal identification of parents and students by anyone other than a representative of the organization with legitimate interests; and (4) a requirement that the organization destroy all personally identifiable information when it is no longer needed for the study, along with a specific time period in which the information must be destroyed.

While the disclosure of personally identifiable information without consent is allowed under this exception, it is recommended that whenever possible the administration either release de-identified information or remove the students' names and social security identification numbers to reduce the risk of unauthorized disclosure of personally identifiable information.

H. disclose personally identifiable information from education records without consent, to authorized representatives of the Federal government, as well as State and local educational authorities;

The disclosed records must be used to audit or evaluate a Federal or State-supported education program, or to enforce or comply with Federal requirements related to those education programs. A written agreement between the parties is required under this exception.

The District will verify that the authorized representative complies with FERPA regulations.

I. request each person or party requesting access to a student's record to abide by Federal regulations and State laws concerning the disclosure of information.

The Board will comply with a legitimate request for access to a student's records within a reasonable period of time but not more than forty-five (45) days after receiving the request or within such shorter period as may be applicable to students with disabilities. Upon the request of the viewer, a record shall be reproduced, unless said record is copyrighted, or otherwise restricted, and the viewer may be charged a fee equivalent to the cost of handling and reproduction. Based upon reasonable requests, viewers of education records will receive an explanation and interpretation of the records.

The Board shall maintain a record of each request for access and each disclosure of personally identifiable information. Such disclosure records will indicate the student, person viewing the record, their legitimate interest in the information, information disclosed, date of disclosure, and date parental/eligible student consent was obtained (if required).

Only "directory information" regarding a student shall be released to any person or party, other than the student or their parent, without the written consent of the parent, or, if the student is an eligible student, without the written consent of the student, except as provided by applicable law. -to those persons or parties stipulated by the Board's policy and administrative guidelines and/or those specified in the law.

## DIRECTORY DATA

Each year, the District Administrator shall provide a public notice to students and their parents of the District's intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as "directory data." The Board designates as student "directory data":

- A. a student's name;
- B. address;
- C. telephone number;
- D. date and place of birth;
- E. major field of study;
- F. participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
- G. height and weight, if a member of an athletic team;
- H. dates of attendance;
- I. date of graduation;
- J. degrees and awards received.

Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the Board to disclose any or all of such "directory data" upon written notification to the Board within seven fourteen (14.7) days after receipt of the District Administrator's annual public notice or enrollment of the student into the District if such enrollment occurs after the annual public notice. Any parent or eligible student that refuses to allow disclosure of directory data that participates in the extra-curricular activity must complete the appropriate acknowledgment, which includes a limitation on the refusal to disclose directory data obtained during the course of the student's participation in extra-curricular activities.

In accordance with Federal and State law, the Board shall release the names, addresses, District assigned email addresses (if available), and telephone listings of secondary students to a recruiting officer for any branch of the United States Armed Forces or an institution of higher education who requests such information. A secondary school student or parent of the student may request in writing that the student's name, address, District assigned email address (if available), and telephone listing not be released without the prior consent of the parent(s)/eligible student. The recruiting officer is to sign a form indicating that "any information received by the recruiting officer shall be used solely for the purpose of informing students about military service and shall not be released to any person other than individuals within the recruiting services of the Armed Forces." The District Administrator is authorized to charge mailing fees for providing this information to a recruiting officer.

Whenever the consent of the parent(s)/eligible student is required for the inspection and/or release of a student's health or education records or for the release of "directory data information," either parent may provide such consent unless agreed to otherwise in writing by both parents or specifically stated by court order. If the student is under the guardianship of an institution, the District Administrator shall appoint a person who has no conflicting interest to provide such written consent.

The Board may disclose "directory data," on former students without student or parental consent unless the parent or eligible student previously submitted a request that such information not be disclosed without their prior written consent.

The Board shall not collect or use personal information obtained from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information.

# INSPECTION OF INFORMATION COLLECTION INSTRUMENT

The parent of a student or an eligible student has the right to inspect upon request any instrument used in the collection of personal information before the instrument is administered or distributed to a student. Personal information for this section is defined as individually identifiable information including a student or parent's first and last name, a home or other physical address (including street name and the name of the city or town), a telephone number, or a Social Security identification number. In order to review the instrument, the parent or eligible student must submit a written request to the building principal at least fourteen (14) business days before the scheduled date of the activity. The instrument will be provided to the parent or eligible student within fourteen (14) business days of the principal receiving the request.

The District Administrator shall directly notify the parent(s) of a student and eligible students, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when such activities are scheduled or expected to be scheduled.

This section does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions, such as the following:

- A. college or other postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment
- B. book clubs, magazines and programs providing access to low-cost literary products
- C. curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary and secondary schools
- D. tests and assessments used by elementary and secondary schools to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students (or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments) and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments
- E. the sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities
- F. student recognition programs

The District Administrator shall prepare administrative guidelines so that students and parents are adequately informed each year regarding their rights to:

- A. inspect and review the student's education records;
- B. request amendments if the parent believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the student's privacy rights;
- C. consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to those disclosures allowed by the law;
- D. challenge Board noncompliance with a parent's request to amend the records through a hearing;
- E. file a complaint with the United States Department of Education;
- F. obtain a copy of the Board's policy and administrative guidelines on student records.

The District Administrator shall also develop guidelines for:

- A. the proper storage and retention of records including a list of the type and location of records;
- B. informing Board employees of the Federal and State laws concerning student records.

The Board authorizes the use of computer data storage for the recording, filing, maintaining, and preserving of records.

No liability shall attach to any member, officer, or employee of this Board as a consequence of permitting access or furnishing student records in accordance with this policy and regulations.

Any entity receiving personally identifiable information pursuant to a study, audit, evaluation or enforcement/compliance activity must comply with all FERPA regulations. Further, such an entity must enter into a written contract with the Board delineating its responsibilities in safeguarding the disclosed information. Specifically, the entity must demonstrate the existence of a sound data security plan or data stewardship program, and must also provide assurances that the personally identifiable information will not be redisclosed without prior authorization from the Board. Further, the entity conducting the study, audit, evaluation or enforcement/compliance activity is required to destroy the disclosed information once it is no longer needed or when the timeframe for the activity has ended, as specified in its written agreement with the Board.

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# 8407 - SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

To promote a safe, secure, and supportive school environment, the Board believes it appropriate for the District to have a collaborative relationship with the law enforcement agency(ies) with jurisdiction in the District through a School Resource Officer (SRO) Program.

The SRO Program shall provide appropriate and relevant information, instruction, and resource services to students, teachers, and parents. These services, and the District's and the law enforcement agency's(ies') duties and obligations regarding the SRO Program, shall be set forth in an agreement between the District and the law enforcement agency(ies), including:

- A. placement of a designated School Resource Officer in specific schools on specific days and times;
- B. development of positive law enforcement officer/student relationships;
- C. investigation of alleged violations of law, consistent with the authority and duties of law enforcement officers, that involve student or staff conduct on or off of school property;
- D. patrol and supervision of various school functions;
- E. performance of duties of regular patrol officers that pertain to school resource matters;

The building principal(s) shall serve as the designated liaisons between the District and the law enforcement agency(ies) and shall oversee the SRO Program as it pertains to the specific building(s). The District and the law enforcement agency(ies) shall collaborate in determining various responsibilities and requirements under the SRO Program, including programming services. Any services or activities provided or performed by the law enforcement agency(ies) via the SRO Program shall not serve as a substitute for any responsibilities assigned to District personnel. Appropriate District personnel remain responsible for all decisions relating to student and co-curricular discipline.

Sharing of confidential information and/or student record information with the law enforcement agency(ies) by the District shall fully comply with all relevant statutory provisions and District policies. Use of any devices by any member of the law enforcement agency(ies) to gather or store information in the course of an investigation (e.g., body camera footage) shall be done in full compliance with all law enforcement agency(ies) policies, as well as State and Federal law regarding the use of any such devices.

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