



POLICY

MEETING OF: March 8, 2016

TITLE: Proposed Revisions to Board Policy IHAMB - Family Life Education - Requested by Board Clerk Kristel Foster and Board President Adelita Grijalva, Along with a Proposed Resolution for Review by the Governing Board

ITEM #: 13

Information:

Study: X

Action:

PURPOSE:

In response to recent comments during Call to the Audience regarding sex education in the district, the Governing Board has requested the opportunity to study the item, including a review of revisions undertaken by other Arizona school districts.

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

Policy IHAMB is in need of updating. The redlined version attached hereto is consistent with the approach undertaken by several other Arizona school districts, including Phoenix Union.

For the Board's reference, I also attach the statute that prohibits promotion of a "homosexual lifestyle" in sex education courses, as well as the regulation that requires board approval of the specific curriculum to be taught regarding sex education. Accordingly, the mere adoption of the revised IHAMB would not, standing alone, alter the curriculum unless and until the curriculum itself returns to the Governing Board for adoption.

Also attached is an "Inclusion Resolution" of the kind adopted at Phoenix Union. It addresses the statutory prohibition on "promotion" of homosexuality and the inherent restrictions that statute places on curricular content for sex education. I provide it in case a similar approach is of interest to the Governing Board.

Julie Tolleson will be present to respond to questions.

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE POLICY:

REPLACES WHAT POLICY:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

OTHER POLICIES IMPACTED:

WHO HAS REVIEWED THE POLICY:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), Initiator of Agenda Item provides the name of the agency responsible for recording the Agreement after approval:

For amendments to current IGAs, Initiator provides original IGA recording number:

Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)







BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

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| _____ | District Budget |
| _____ | State/Federal Funds |
| _____ | Other |
| <u>Budget Cost</u> | <u>Budget Code</u> |

INITIATOR(S):

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| Julie C. Tolleson | | 2/29/2016 |
| Name | Title | Date |

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

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| ATTACHMENTS: |
| Click to download |
|  Revised policy IHAMB |
|  Regulation IHAMB-R (replacement) |
|  Arizona Statute on Promotion of Homosexuality |
|  Arizona Regulation on Sex Education |
|  Proposed "Inclusion Resolution" |
|  Current Board Policy IHAMB |
|  Current IHAMB Regulation |