

Mark Stegeman's Version of Board Policy JHCC

PURPOSE: Ensure that parents have important information concerning immunization rates.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

This is an important public health issue and consistent with the board's stated goal of transparency.

The proposal is to add the following sentences to policy JHCC:

"The district shall post on its website a list of all schools and the fraction of students enrolled at the school who have, according to that school's documentation, all state-mandated immunizations. This list shall be updated by December 1 of each year."

If staff wants to suggest other language that accomplishes essentially the same goal, then please make that suggestion.

The intention is that this requirement would take effect in 2016 (not 2015).

House Bill 2466

This bill, introduced in the last legislative session and sponsored or cosponsored by representatives Bolding, Cardenas, Clark, Espinoza, Fernandez, Friese, Gabaldón, Gonzalez, McCune Davis, Mendez, Saldate, Sherwood, Steele, and Valesquez (all Democrats), stated:

"Each public school, including each charter school, that maintains a website shall post the following information on that website: (1) the immunization rate of pupils who are enrolled at the school...."

The bill was blocked in committee and never reached the floor.

Posting comparative immunization rates for schools outside TUSD

The state annually compiles immunization rates for all schools, including charter schools, for grades K and 6. Alongside the rates for TUSD schools, the district could post any of: (i) statewide averages; (ii) Pima County averages; (iii) the immunization rates for individual Pima County schools, school districts, or charter schools.