



MEETING OF: October 14, 2014

TITLE: Guidelines for Student Rights and Responsibilities (GSRR) Revision

ITEM #: 21

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

To resolve pending proposed changes to the 2014-15 Guidelines for Student Rights and Responsibilities (GSRR) as recommended by the Special Master (Reference Policy JK - Student Discipline).

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Special Master is recommending two changes to the 2014-15 GSRR: (1) language reaffirming the District's commitment to prohibit two-level violations; and (2) language prohibiting or conditioning elevation in specific circumstances.

1. Reaffirm commitment to prohibit two-level elevations The Special Master has requested the inclusion of language that clearly articulates the District's intention to prohibit violation elevations by more than a single level. The proposed language is similar to language that had been included in the 2013-14 GSRR, and it aligns with the District's stated intention not to elevate any behavior more than a single level.

2. Prohibitions and conditions on the elevation of specific violations between the 2013-14 GSRR and the 2014-15 GSRR, two items were re-categorized from a Level 1 to a Level 2 violation: "Improper Use of Technology, Telecommunication Device" and "Other Technology." One item was re-categorized from a Level 2 to a Level 3 violation: "Improper Use of Technology, Computer."

The Special Master has expressed a concern that if a student commits either "Improper Use of Technology, Telecommunication Device" or "Other Technology," and the violation is elevated to a Level 3, it will effectively constitute an "elevation of violation by two levels" since the violations were previously Level 1 violations. Likewise, the Special Master has expressed a concern that if a student commits "Improper Use of Technology, Computer" and the violation is elevated to a Level 4, it will effectively constitute an "elevation of violation by two levels" since the violation was previously a Level 2 violation.

This has been reviewed by Eugene Butler, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Sam Brown, Director - Desegregation; and Julie Tolleson, General Counsel.

Eugene Butler, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, will be present for questions.

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

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

Budget Certification (for use by Office of Financial Services only):

Date _____
I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are available and may be:
Authorized from current year budget
Authorized with School Board approval
Code: Fund:


INITIATOR(S):

Eugene Butler, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Student Services		10/6/2014
Name	Title	Date

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