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Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Sarah Burnett, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
DATE: April 23, 2026
RE: PRESS Policy Issue 121

This memo is:

- Information only.
 Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: May 7, 2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- in previous Board packet(s) dated.
 or attached to this memo

Basic Information:

PRESS Policy is a service provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) that provides policy services in the form of sample policies, procedures, and the legal rationale and references to support them. This service sends out policy issues when a handful of policies have suggested revisions based on legal updates. PRESS Policy recently issued Issue 121, including multiple suggested policy revisions.

Background/Historical Context:

The following policies and suggested updates were included in PRESS Policy Issue 121. Policies in issue 121 can be found [here](#).

Draft Update- New to District

6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development

Draft Updates:

2:200 Types of Board of Education Meetings - *Question needs to be answered*

2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure - *Question needs to be answered*

2:250 Access to District Public Records

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure

4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors -

5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria

5:250 Leaves of Absence

5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves - *Question needs to be answered*

6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program

6:145 Migrant Students

6:170 Title I Programs

6:180 Extended Instructional Programs

7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students

7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

7:260 Exemption from Physical Education

7:300 Extracurricular Athletics

8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

Draft Update- Rewritten:

2:140-E Exhibit - Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use

Review and Monitoring:

7:220 Bus Conduct

7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities

7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease

Two policies for special consideration:

Policy 6:65 - Student Social and Emotional Development: State law now requires that Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is covered by district policy. The current language we have in board policy 6:60 - Curriculum Content, covers this proposed new policy, therefore we do not need the new suggested policy 6:65. Board policy 6:60 states that "The curriculum shall contain instruction on all subjects as required by State statute or regulation with monitored and continually improved long range plans."

Policy 4:165 - Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors: PRESS suggested to remove the requirement to "provide parents/guardians of students in any of grades K through 8 with not less than five days' written notice before commencing any class or course providing instruction in recognizing and avoiding sexual abuse, as well as the opportunity to object in writing".

Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

N/A

Recommendations:

The District Administration recommends the following:

1. Approve the revisions as presented by IASB for the following policies:
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- 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
2. Reject the IASB suggested addition of new board policy 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development
 3. Reject the IASB suggested revisions in board policy 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors