CSBA NOTE: Leave provisions for administrative and supervisory personnel who are not subject to collective bargaining agreements may be detailed in an individual contract, memorandum of understanding, or Board policy. The following optional section is for use by districts that, via through policy, grant the same leave provisions to administrative and supervisory employees as are granted to other certificated or classified employees.

Certificated administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for certificated employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other certificated employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memorandums of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

Classified administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for classified employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other classified employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memoranda of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

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Failure to Return to Service After Leave

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 44842(c) CSBA NOTE: The following optional regulation is subject to collective bargaining and should be revised in accordance with any applicable collective bargaining agreement. To the extent that this administrative regulation is inconsistent with provisions of the collective bargaining agreement, the collective bargaining agreement would prevail, so long as the provision is consistent with law.

Education Code 44842 addresses the return to service of a certificated employee at the beginning of the school year following a leave of absence after April 30 of the previous school year and authorizes termination of the employee if specified circumstances exist. As described in itemItem #1 below, one of the circumstances is the employee's failure to report for duty, without good cause, after having notified the Governing Board of his/herthe intent to remain in service. See AR 4112.1 - Contracts for provisions of Education Code 44842 pertaining to the duty of all certificated employees to notify the district of their intention to remain in service if the district has issued a written re-employment notice requesting employees to provide such notice.

In The district may terminate the case employment of a certificated employee who was on leave of absence for 20 or more consecutive working days after April 30 of the previous school year, the district may terminate the employment of such an employee if all of the following circumstances exist: (Education Code 44842)

- 1. The employee fails to report for duty, without good cause, at the beginning of the school year after having notified the Governing Board of his/herthe intention to remain in service with the district in accordance with Education Code 44842.
- 2. The district had specifically notified the employee, at least five days in advance, of the time and place at which the employee was to report to work.
- 3. The employee continues to be absent from work for 20 consecutive working days, beginning from the date the employee was to report to work.
- 3. 4. The employee did not request or was not granted a leave of absence authorized by the Board-

In any such case, the district may terminate the employee's employment on the day following 20 consecutive days of absence. (Education Code 44842)

Use of Leaves by Classified Employees

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 45200 authorizes the Board to allow classified employees to switch from vacation leave to another type of leave as provided below. The following optional section is for use by districts that choose to offer such an option to classified employees and may be used by districts that have adopted the merit system.

A classified employee may interrupt or terminate vacation leave in order to begin another type of paid leave without a return to active service, as long as the employee provides adequate notice and relevant supporting information regarding the basis for such interruption or termination. (Education Code 45200)

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CSBA NOTE: The following administrative regulation <u>applies</u> to <u>certificated employees</u>, <u>including certificated management</u>. <u>For classified employees</u>, <u>including classified management</u>, <u>see AR 4261.1 – Personal Illness/Injury Leave</u>.

The following administrative regulation is subject to collective bargaining, and should be revised in accordance with any applicable collective bargaining agreement. To the extent that this administrative regulation is inconsistent with provisions of the collective bargaining agreement, the collective bargaining agreement would prevail, so long as the provision is consistent with law. Certain portions of this administrative regulation are mandated or conditionally mandated; see "Verification Requirements" and "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" sections below.

Education Code 44978 provides a minimum of 10 days of personal illness or injury leave (sick leave) per year for certificated employees working five days a week. The Governing Board may allow additional days at its discretion; if it does so, the following paragraph should be revised accordingly.

Labor Code 245-249 (the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act) require districts to grant a minimum of one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked to their employees who work for 30 days or more within a year of their employment, including temporary and substitute employees. Pursuant to Labor Code 246, as amended by SB 616 (Ch. 309, Statutes of 2023), a district may use a different sick leave accrual method which provides for the accrual to be on a regular basis so that employees accrue at least 24 hours of sick leave or paid time off by the 120th calendar day of their employment or each calendar year or 12-month period., and at least 40 hours or five days of paid sick leave by the 200th calendar day of employment, each calendar year, or 12-month period.

The provisions of Labor Code 245-249 are very broad and only district employees covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement may be exempted from them, if the collective bargaining agreement expressly provides paid sick leave in an amount equal to or exceeding the amount of leave required pursuant to Labor Code 246, includes final and binding arbitration of disputes regarding the application of the paid sick days provisions, and provides premium wage rates for all overtime hours worked and a regular hourly rate of pay of not less than 30 percent more than the state minimum wage rate. However, even for employees covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement, Labor Code 246.5, as amended by SB 616, extends procedural protections regarding retaliation to such employees. Since many districts may not satisfy all of the conditions for this exemption, this administrative regulation has been drafted to include the requirements of Labor Code 245-249. Any district which has a collective bargaining agreement that meets all of the conditions for exemption may modify this administrative regulation accordingly.

For additional requirements of Labor Code 245-249, see the section titled "Healthy Workplaces,

Healthy Families Act Requirements" below. For paid sick leave for temporary and substitute certificated employees, see BP/AR 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel. For sick leave for classified employees, see AR 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave.

The following administrative regulation applies to certificated employees, including certificated management. For classified employees, including classified management, see Administrative Regulation 4261.1 – Personal Illness/Injury Leave.

Certificated employees employed five school days per week are entitled to 10 days'days leave of absence with full pay for personal illness or injury (sick leave) per school year of service. Employees who work less than five school days per week (part-time employees) shall be granted sick leave in proportion to the time they work. However, any part-time employees who are entitled to less than three days of paid sick leave per year due to the amount of time worked shall be granted sick leave pursuant to Labor Code 246, if they are eligible. (Education Code 44978; Labor Code 245-249)

Use of Sick Leave

CSBA NOTE: Items #1-8 below reflect allowable uses of sick leave specified in law. The district may expand this list to include any additional purposes authorized by law, authorized by the district, or included in a bargaining agreement.

Certificated employees A certificated employee may use sick leave for absences due as authorized by law and/or collective bargaining agreement, including, but not limited to:

1. Accident or illness, whether or not the absence arises out of and in the course of employment; quarantine which results from contact in the course of employment with other persons having a contagious disease; or temporary inability to perform assigned duties because of illness, accident, or quarantine (Education Code 44964)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12945.6, as added by SB 848 (Ch. 724, Statutes of 2023), the district is prohibited from refusing to grant a request by an employee to take up to five days of reproductive loss leave following a reproductive loss event. See AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 – Personal Leaves.

Additionally, pursuant to Title IX (20 USC 1681-1688) and implementing regulation 34 CFR 106.57, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, the district is required to treat pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including any related medical condition or recovery, as it would any other temporary medical condition for job-related purposes, including leaves.

- 2. Pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, and related recovery, as well as reproductive loss (Education Code 44965, 44978; Government Code 12945.6)
- 3. Personal necessity (Education Code 44981)

CSBA NOTE: Optional Item #4 below may be revised to specify a different minimum increment for sick leave.

- 4. Medical and dental appointments, in increments of not less than one hour
- 5. Industrial accidents or illnesses when leave granted specifically for that purpose has been exhausted (Education Code 44984)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) (29 USC 2612) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA) (Government Code 12945.2), a district is required to grant leave to an eligible employee to bond with a child after the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of the child. For this purpose, employees may, but are not required to, use sick leave for any otherwise unpaid FMLA or CFRA leave.

Government Code 12945.21, as amended by AB 1756 (Ch. 478, Statutes of 2023), establishes a small employer family leave mediation pilot program, until January 1, 2025, for very small districts that employ between 5-19 employees to mediate disputes about the employee's right to medical or family care leave under CFRA and/or bereavement leave.

For further information regarding parental leave, see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.

6. Need of the employee to bond with a child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement (parental leave) (Education Code 44977.5; Government Code 12945.2; 29 USC 2612; 29 CFR 825.112)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 233, any district that provides sick leave to its employees is required to permit an employee to use sick leave, in an amount not less than the sick leave that would be accrued during six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement, for the purposes specified in Items #7-8 below. Pursuant to Labor Code 233, designation of sick leave taken under this provision is at the sole discretion of the employee. Labor Code 233 does not extend the maximum period of leave to which an employee is entitled under CFRA or FMLA, regardless of whether the employee receives sick leave compensation during that leave.

For the purpose of using sick leave to attend to the health care needs of a family member, as specified in Item #7 below, Labor Code 245.5, as amended by **AB 1041 (Ch. 748, Statutes of 2022)**, includes a designated person in the definition of a "family member," in addition to an employee's spouse, registered domestic partner, child (biological, adopted, or foster child; stepchild; legal ward; or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis), parent (biological, adoptive, or foster parent; stepparent; legal guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner; or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child), grandparent, grandchild, or sibling. Pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 and Labor Code 245.5, as amended by AB 1041, a "designated person" means any individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship. The designated person may be identified by the employee at the time the employee requests the leave, and the district may limit the employee to one designated person per 12-month period for family care and medical leave. For further information regarding medical leave, see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.

For additional information about leaves for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking granted in accordance with Item #8 below, see AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves.

- 7. Need of the employee or employee's family member, including a designated person, as defined in Labor Code 245.5, for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care (Government Code 12945.2; Labor Code 233, 246.5)
- 8. Need of the employee to seek or obtain any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee or the employee's child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (Labor Code 233, 246.5)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12945.7, districts are required to provide up to five days of bereavement leave for the death of an employee's "family member," as defined, if the employee was employed by the district for at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the bereavement leave. The bereavement leave days do not need to be taken consecutively, but must be taken within three months of the family member's date of death. Districts with existing policies that provide employees less than five days of paid bereavement leave must continue to give employees the number of paid days specified in the policy, but may provide the remainder of the five days as unpaid bereavement leave. Districts must allow employees to use any paid vacation, personal leave, sick leave, or compensatory time off for the balance of the unpaid bereavement leave. For more information on bereavement leave, see AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 – Personal Leaves. Districts with questions about the application of their bereavement leave policies should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

Bereavement leave, as specified in Administrative Regulation 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 –
 Personal Leaves (Education Code 44985; Government Code 12945.7)

For the purposes specified in Items #7-8, an employee may use, in any calendar year, the amount of sick leave that would be accrued during six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement. (Labor Code 233)

An employee may take sick leave at any time during the school year, even if credit for sick leave has not yet been accrued. (Education Code 44978)

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional.

An employee shall reimburse the district for any unearned sick leave used as of the date of termination.

Unused days of sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year without limitation. (Education Code 44978)

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraphtwo paragraphs are recommended and may be revised to reflect district practice. For more information regarding wage overpayment, see BP 4151/4251/4351 – Employee Compensation.

An employee shall reimburse the district for any unearned sick leave used as of the date of termination, in accordance with Education Code 44042.5.

At the beginning of each school year, employees shall be notified of the amount of sick leave they have accumulated.

The district shall not require new employees to waive leave accumulated in a previous district. (Education Code 44979, 44980)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 44979-44980, certificated employees are entitled to have their accumulated sick leave transferred with them in the circumstances specified in the following optional paragraph.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any certificated employee who leaves the district after at least one school year of employment that if the employee accepts a certificated position in another district, county office of education, or community college district within one year, the employee may request that the district transfer any accumulated sick leave to the new employer. (Education Code 44979, 44980)

Additional Leave for Disabled Military Veterans

In addition to any other entitlement for sick leave with pay, a certificated employee who is a former active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a former or current member of the California National Guard or a federal reserve component shall be entitled to sick leave with pay of up to 10 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, including mental health treatment, for a military service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. An eligible employee who works less than five days per week shall be entitled to such leave in proportion to the time worked. (Education Code 44978.2)

The amount of leave shall be credited to the employee either on the date the employee receives confirmation of the submission of the disability application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later. When the employee receives the disability rating decision, the employee shall report that information to the Superintendent or designee. If the disability rating decision makes the employee eligible for the leave, the time used before the decision shall be counted toward the 10-day maximum leave. If the disability rating decision makes the employee ineligible for the leave, the district may change the sick leave time used before the disability rating decision to an alternative leave balance. (Education Code 44978.2)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 44978.2, the district may require proof that a leave granted under this law is used for treatment of a military service-connected disability. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee may require verification, in accordance with the section "Verification Requirements" below, that the employee used the leave to obtain treatment of a military service-connected disability.

Leave for military-service connected disability shall be available for 12 months following the first

date that the leave was credited. Leave not used during the 12-month period shall not be carried over and shall be forfeited. (Education Code 44978.2)

Notification of Absence

CSBA NOTE: The following optional section is recommended and may be revised to reflect district practice.

An employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee of the need to be absent as soon as such need is known, so that substitute services may be secured. This notification shall include an estimate of the expected duration of absence. If the absence becomes longer than estimated, the employee shall so notify the district. If the duration of absence becomes shorter than estimated, the employee shall notify the district not later than three o'clock in the afternoon of the day preceding the day on which the employee intends to return to work. If the employee fails to notify the district and the failure results in a substitute being secured, the cost of the substitute shall be deducted from the employee's pay.

Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 44977, employees who are absent due to illness for up to five months after exhausting all available sick leave must receive their regular salary minus the cost of a substitute. Alternatively, Education Code 44983 allows districts to adopt a rule that gives certificated employees 50 percent or more of their regular salary during the period of absence. When an employee is absent for a cause other than illness, Education Code 44977 and 44983 provide that the amount deducted from the employee's salary shall be determined according to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board as long as such rules are not in conflict with State Board of Education regulations.

Option 1 below is for use by districts that subtract the cost of a substitute from the absent employee's salary pursuant to Education Code 44977. Option 2 is **mandated** pursuant to Education Code 44983 for districts that choose to give certificated employees 50 percent or more of their regular salary during the period of absence, and may be revised to specify a percentage higher than 50 percent in accordance with district practice.

If not covered in the district's bargaining agreement, the district may add provisions to this section reflecting salary deductions for employees absent longer than five months.

OPTION 1: (Differential pay: regular salary minus cost of substitute)

During each school year, when a certificated employee has exhausted all available sick leave, including all accumulated sick leave, and, due to illness or accident, continues to be absent for an additional period of up to five school months, the district shall deduct from the employee's regular salary for that period the actual cost of a substitute to fill the position. If the district has made every reasonable effort to secure the services of a substitute and has been unable to do so, the amount that would have been paid to a substitute shall be deducted from the employee's salary. (Education Code 44977)

An employee shall not be provided more than one five-month period per illness or accident. However, if the school year ends before the five-month period is exhausted, the employee may take the balance of the five-month period in a subsequent school year. (Education Code 44977)

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

OPTION 2: (50 percent of employee's regular salary)

After a certificated employee has exhausted all available sick leave, including all accumulated sick leave, and, due to illness or accident, continues to be absent for an additional period of up to five months, the employee shall receive at least 50 percent of the employee's regular salary during the additional period of absence. (Education Code 44983)

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

Absence Beyond Five-Month Period/Reemployment List

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is required for districts that select Option 1 (i.e., differential pay) in the section "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" above and should be carefully considered by districts that select Option 2 (i.e., 50 percent pay). Education Code 44978.1 requires the establishment of a reemployment list for employees who are unable to resume their duties after the five-month period provided pursuant to Education Code 44977.

Although Education Code 44978.1 does not explicitly require a reemployment list for districts selecting Option 2, such districts should be aware that failure to establish a reemployment list may subject employees to termination following a five-month absence. Therefore, any district that selects Option 2 and currently maintains a reemployment list for employees who are absent beyond the five-month period, or that wishes to establish such a list, should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel before changing its policy or practices.

If a certificated employee is not medically able to return to work after the five-month period provided pursuant to Education Code 44977, the employee shall be placed either in another position or on a reemployment list. Placement on the reemployment list shall be for 24 months for probationary employees or 39 months for permanent employees and shall begin at the expiration of the five-month period. If during this time the employee becomes medically able, the employee shall be returned to employment in a position for which the employee is credentialed and qualified. (Education Code 44978.1)

Parental Leave

CSBA NOTE: The following section is subject to any conflicting provision in a collective bargaining agreement that provides greater parental leave rights.

During each school year, a certificated employee may use all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, for the purpose of parental leave for a period of up to 12 work weeks. The 12-week period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of such parental leave. (Education Code 44977.5)

CSBA NOTE: Unlike leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2, leave taken pursuant to Education Code 44977.5 does not require an employee to have at least 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12-month period in order to be eligible for parental leave. See AR

4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave for further information on requirements related to the California Family Rights Act.

Eligibility for such leave shall not require 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12 months. (Education Code 44977.5)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 44977.5, the district is required to provide differential pay to a certificated employee for up to 12 work weeks when the employee has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent due to parental leave pursuant to Government Code 12945.2. Such an employee is entitled to receive differential pay, calculated in the same manner described in Option 1 or 2 in the section "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" above. Education Code 44977.5 requires that, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the district, employees must receive at least 50 percent of their regular salary for any portion of the 12-week parental leave that remains following the exhaustion of sick leave. The following paragraph may be revised to specify a percentage higher than 50 percent in accordance with district practice.

Since Education Code 44977.5 does not expressly require districts to provide differential pay to employees who are eligible for parental leave pursuant to Government Code 12945.6, it is unclear whether such employees would be entitled to differential pay. Districts should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel if they have questions regarding differential pay for such employees.

An employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of parental leave shall receive differential pay of at least 50 percent of the employee's regular salary for the remainder of the 12 work weeks. (Education Code 44977.5)

Parental leave taken pursuant to Education Code 44977.5 shall run concurrently with the parental leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 or 12945.6, and the aggregate amount of parental leave shall not exceed 12 work weeks in a 12-month period. (Education Code 44977.5; Government Code 12945.2, 12945.6)

Verification Requirements

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 44978 mandates the Board to adopt regulations requiring proof of illness or injury and prescribing the means of verification. However, Education Code 44978 provides that these regulations shall not discriminate against evidence of treatment and the need for treatment by the practice of a well-recognized religion. For verification requirements for employees on leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave. The following section should be modified to reflect district practice and any procedures which have been specified in bargaining agreements.

Labor Code 233 requires districts to allow their employees to use sick leave for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5. Because Labor Code 246.5 is silent on requests for verification, and requires an employer to provide an employee with paid sick days upon oral or written request, districts should be cautious in requiring verification for sick leave used for the purposes specified in Labor Code 246.5 (Items #7-8 in the section "Use of Sick Leave" above). Although a district is permitted to require verification from an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, pursuant to Labor Code 230 and 230.1, a general insistence on verification

could be deemed a violation of Labor Code 246.5. Any district with questions regarding its authority related to verification should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

After any absence due to illness or injury, the employee shall verify the absence by submitting a completed and signed district absence form to the employee's immediate supervisor.

The Superintendent or designee may require verification whenever an employee's absence record shows chronic absenteeism or a pattern of absences immediately before or after weekends and/or holidays or whenever available evidence clearly indicates that an absence is not related to illness or injury.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may require an employee to visit a physician selected by the district, at district expense, in order to receive a report on the employee's need for further leave of absence and a prognosis as to when the employee will be able to return to work. If the report concludes that the employee's condition does not warrant continued absence, the Superintendent or designee may, after giving notice to the employee, deny further leave.

CSBA NOTE: 42 USC 2000ff-1, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, and its implementing regulations, 29 CFR 1635.1-1635.12, specify that it is unlawful for a district to request, require, or purchase employees' or their family member's individual genetic information except in complying with the medical certification requirements for family care and medical leave purposes or with the employee's prior written authorization. See AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave. Pursuant to 29 CFR 1635.9, any such information received by the district must be kept confidential as specified below.

Any district request for additional verification by an employee's physician or a district-selected physician shall be in writing and shall specify that the report to be submitted to the district should not contain the employee's genetic information. Any genetic information received by the district on behalf of an employee shall be treated as a confidential medical record, maintained in a file separate from the employee's personnel file, and not be disclosed except in accordance with 29 CFR 1635.9.

Before returning to work, an employee who has been absent for surgery, hospitalization, or extended medical treatment may be asked to submit a letter from a physician stating that the employee is able to return to duty and stipulating any necessary restrictions or limitations.

Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 245-249, all employers, including those that provide paid time off to their employees under existing policy or other law, must comply with the requirements specified in the following section. Pursuant to Labor Code 248.5, noncompliance with the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act could result in an enforcement action against the employer, including the imposition of civil and monetary penalties. Any district with questions regarding the applicability of this law should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

No employee shall be denied the right to use accrued sick days, and the district shall not in any manner discriminate or retaliate against an employee for using or attempting to use sick leave, filing a complaint with the Labor Commissioner, or alleging district violation of Labor Code 245-249.

To ensure the district's compliance with Labor Code 245-249, the Superintendent or designee shall:

- 1. At a conspicuous location in each workplace, display a poster on paid sick leave that includes the following information:
 - a. That an employee is entitled to accrue, request, and use paid sick days
 - b. The number of sick days provided by Labor Code 245-249
 - c. The terms of use of paid sick days
 - d. That discrimination or retaliation against an employee for requesting and/or using sick leave is prohibited by law and that an employee has the right to file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner if the district discriminates or retaliates against the employee

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 246, as amended by SB 616, districts are required to provide 40 hours or five days of paid sick leave to eligible employees.

- Provide at least 2440 hours or threefive days of paid sick leave to each eligible employee to
 use per year and allow eligible employees to use accrued sick leave upon reasonable request
- 3. Provide eligible employees written notice, on their pay stub or other document issued with their pay check, of the amount of paid sick leave they have available
- 4. Keep a record documenting the hours worked and paid sick days accrued and used by each eligible employee for three years

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CSBA NOTE: The following mandated administrative regulation is subject to collective bargaining agreements and should be revised in accordance with any applicable collective bargaining agreement. To the extent that this administrative regulation is inconsistent with provisions of the collective bargaining agreement, the collective bargaining agreement would prevail, so long as the provision is consistent with law.

Personal leaves granted to district employees shall be used as permitted in <u>law.</u> this administrative regulation, other <u>Governing</u> Board-approved policy or district regulation, or applicable collective bargaining agreement, <u>or as otherwise required by law.</u>

CSBA NOTE: Family Code 297.5 extends to registered domestic partners the same rights that are available under state law to spouses. Thus, any reference to an employee's spouse throughout this administrative regulation also applies to a registered domestic partner, even if not expressly stated in the applicable state statute (e.g., Education Code, Military and Veterans Code). Districts should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel if a question arises as to leave provisions relative to an employee's domestic partner.

For the purpose of any personal leave offered pursuant to state law, a registered domestic partner shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits as a spouse and any protections provided to a spouse's child shall also apply to a child of a registered domestic partner. (Family Code 297.5)

Whenever possible, employees shall request personal leaves in advance and prepare suitable instructions, including lesson plans as applicable, for a substitute employee.

Bereavement

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12945.7, as added by AB 1949 (Ch. 767, Statutes of 2022), districts are required to provide up to five days of bereavement leave for the death of an employee's "family member," as defined, if the employee was employed by the district for at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the bereavement leave. Education Code 44985 and 45194 grant three days, or five days if out-of-state travel is required, of paid bereavement leave for certificated and classified employees upon the death of a member of the employee's "immediate family." Government Code 12945.7, as added by AB 1949, potentially expands the length of this leave, but not necessarily the requirement to pay for this leave. Education Code 44985 and 45194 grant bereavement leave for a member of the employee's "immediate family," the definition of which is more expansive than a "family member," pursuant to Government Code 12945.7. Any bereavement leave taken under the Education Code and/or Government Code runs concurrently and not consecutively.

The bereavement leave days do not need to be taken consecutively, but must be taken within three months of the family member's date of death. Districts with existing policies that provide employees less than five days of paid bereavement leave must continue to give employees the number of paid days specified in the policy, but may provide the remainder of the five days as unpaid bereavement leave. Districts must allow employees to use any paid vacation, personal leave, sick leave, or compensatory time off for the balance of the unpaid bereavement leave. Additionally, Government Code 12945.7; as added by AB 1949; makes it unlawful to retaliate or discriminate against an employee for using bereavement leave or to interfere with an employee's right to use bereavement leave.

Education Code 44985 and 45194 allow the Governing Board to expand the class of relatives listed below as "immediate family" and enlarge the benefits provided by law. Additionally, Government Code 12945.2 includes parent-in-law in the definition of "family member" for purposes of bereavement leave. Thus, to ensure consistency, the definition of "immediate family" includes "parent-in-law" as permitted by law.

Districts with questions about bereavement leave should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

The following paragraphs may be revised to reflect district practice.

Employees are entitled to a leave of up to five days upon the death of any member of the employee's immediate family, as defined in Education Code 44985 and 45194. (Government Code 12945.7)

No deduction shall be made from the employee's salary, nor shall such leave be deducted from any other leave to which the employee is entitled. (Education Code 44985, 45194; Government Code 12945.7)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 44985 and 45194 allow the Governing Board to expand the class of relatives listed below as "immediate family" and enlarge the benefits provided by law. In addition, Government Code 12945.2 includes a parent-in-law in the definition of "parent" for purposes of California Family Rights Act (CFRA) leave. Thus, to ensure consistency, the definition of "immediate family" includes "parent-in-law" as permitted by law.

"Immediate Family means a parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild of the employee or of the spouse of the employee, and the spouse, domestic partner, child, child-in-law, sibling, or sibling-in-law of the employee, or any relative living in the immediate household of the employee. (Education Code 44985, 45194; Government Code 12945.7)

No deduction shall be made from the employee's salary for any authorized paid bereavement leave as specified in the collective bargaining agreement or as otherwise established by this policy, nor shall such leave be deducted from any other leave to which the employee is entitled unless requested by the employee. (Education Code 44985, 45194; Government Code 12945.7)

At the employee's request, bereavement leave may be extended under personal necessity leave provisions as provided in the section "Personal Necessity" below. (Education Code 44981, 45207)

Reproductive Loss

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12945.6, as added by SB 848 (Ch. 724, Statutes of 2023), the district is prohibited from refusing to grant a request by an employee who has worked at least 30 days for the district to take up to five days of reproductive loss leave following a reproductive loss event. The district is not required to grant more than 20 days for multiple reproductive loss events during a 12-month period.

Government Code 12945.6, as added by SB 848, prohibits the district from retaliating or discriminating against an employee for taking reproductive loss leave or giving information or testimony related to such right, or to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise or attempted exercise of this right.

Upon request by any employee who has experienced a reproductive loss event, defined as the day or, for a multiple-day event, the final day of a failed adoption, failed surrogacy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or an unsuccessful assisted reproduction, the district shall grant the employee up to five days of reproductive loss leave, to be taken consecutively or non-consecutively. The employee shall take the leave within three months following the event. If the employee is on another type of leave at the time of the reproductive loss event, or chooses to take another type of leave immediately following a reproductive loss event, then the reproductive loss leave shall be completed within three months of the end date of the other leave. (Government Code 12945.6)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12945.6, as added by SB 848, reproductive loss leave is required to be taken pursuant to any existing applicable leave policy of the district. However, if the district's leave policy does not so specify, the reproductive loss leave will be unpaid, but the employee may use vacation, personal leave, accrued and available sick leave, or compensatory time off that is otherwise available to the employee. Districts that provide paid reproductive loss leave should revise the following paragraph to reflect district practice.

Reproductive loss leave will be unpaid unless the employee chooses to use vacation, personal leave, accrued and available sick leave, or compensatory time off that is otherwise available to the employee. (Government Code 12945.6)

Any request or inquiry or information provided by an employee related to reproductive loss leave and/or a reproductive loss shall remain confidential, except to internal personnel or counsel as necessary or as required by law.

Personal Necessity

CSBA NOTE: Employees may use a maximum of seven days of accumulated personal illness/injury leave (sick leave) for reasons of personal necessity pursuant to Education Code 44981 (certificated employees) and 45207 (classified employees). Pursuant to Education Code 44981 and 45207, a higher maximum may be set for certificated and/or classified employees in the applicable collective

bargaining agreement, or by Board resolution for classified employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Districts that have established a maximum that is higher than seven days should modify the following paragraph accordingly.

Education Code 45207 clarifies that provisions pertaining to personal necessity leave also apply to districts that have adopted the merit system for classified employees in accordance with Education Code 45240-45320. Employees may use a maximum of seven days of accrued personal illness/injury leave (sick leave) during each school year for reasons of personal necessity. (Education Code 44981, 45207)

Acceptable reasons for the use of personal necessity leave include:

- Death of a member of the employee's immediate family when the number of days of absence exceeds the limits set by bereavement leave provisions (Education Code 44981, 45207; Government Code 12945.7)
- 2. An accident involving the employee or the employee's property, or the person or property of a member of the employee's immediate family (Education Code 44981, 45207)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 44981, a certificated employee may use personal necessity leave for the serious illness of a member of the employee's immediate family. The Board may extend these provisions to classified employees under the authority granted to the Board by Education Code 45207. Districts are cautioned to consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel regarding any interaction of Education Code provisions with Labor Code 233, 245.5, and 246.5, which allow the use of sick leave for the need of the employee or family member for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care and which include in the definition of "family member" a registered domestic partner, grandparent, and sibling. See AR 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave and AR 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave.

Pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 and Labor Code 245.5, as amended by AB 1041 (Ch. 748, Statutes of 2022), CFRA the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) provides an eligible employee with up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to care for a designated person who has a serious health condition, in addition to caring for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner. A "designated person" is defined as any individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship. The employee may identify the designated person at the time the employee requests the leave. The district may limit the employee to taking CFRA leave to care for one designated person per 12-month period. For further information regarding medical leave, see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.

3. Illness, preventive care, or other need of a member of the employee's family, as defined in Labor Code 245.5 (Education Code 44981; Government Code 12945.2; Labor Code 246.5)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 45207 provides that classified employees may use sick leave for required court appearances, as provided in Item #4 below. Circumstances under which employees may take time off, with pay, for court appearances are described in the section on "Leave to Perform Legal Duties" below.

4. A classified employee's appearance in any court or before any administrative tribunal as a litigant, party, or witness under subpoena or other order (Education Code 45207)

CSBA NOTE: Items #5 and #6 are optional and may be deleted or modified to reflect district practice.

- 5. Fire, flood, or other immediate danger to the home of the employee
- 6. Personal business of a serious nature which the employee cannot disregard

Leave for personal necessity may be allowed for other reasons at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee. However, personal necessity leave shall not be granted for purposes of personal convenience, for the extension of a holiday or vacation, or for matters which can be taken care of outside of working hours. The Superintendent or designee shall have final discretion as to whether a request reflects personal necessity.

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. The district is prohibited from requiring employees to obtain advance permission prior to taking leaves in certain situations. Pursuant to Education Code 44981 and 45207, the district may not require advance permission for leaves taken by classified employees for the reasons specified in Items #1-2 above and by certificated employees for the reasons specified in Items #1-3 above. In addition, Labor Code 246.5 requires an employer to grant paid sick leave "upon the oral or written request of an employee." According to the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), employers may not require advance notice when the need for the leave was unforeseeable, as in the case of unanticipated illness or a medical emergency.

Also see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave for requirements pertaining to requests for leaves that qualify under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (29 USC 2601-2654) or CFRA (Government Code 12945.1-12945.2), including provisions that allow employees to provide notice as soon as practicable when 30-day advance notice is not practicable due to lack of knowledge of the date the leave will be needed, a change in circumstances, or a medical emergency.

Advance permission shall not be required of an employee in any case involving the death of a member of the employee's immediate family, an accident involving the employee's person or property or the person or property of a member of the employee's immediate family, or the illness, preventive care, or other need of a member of the employee's family. (Education Code 44981, 45207)

For any leave that is planned, or for which the need is foreseeable, an employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee in advance. In all other circumstances, the employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee of the need for the leave as soon as practicable.

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 44981 and 45207 mandate the adoption of regulations requiring proof of personal necessity and prescribing the manner of the required proof. The following paragraph may be revised to specify the manner of proof required by the district.

After any absence due to personal necessity, the employee shall verify the absence by submitting a completed and signed district absence form to the employee's immediate supervisor.

Leave to Perform Legal Duties

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 230 prohibits the discharge of or discrimination or retaliation against an employee for taking time off for the activities specified in Items #1-2 below.

Pursuant to Education Code 44037, it is unlawful for the district, or personnel commission for merit districts, to (1) adopt any rule, regulation, or policy that encourages classified employees to seek exemption from jury duty; (2) directly or indirectly solicit or suggest to any employee that the employee seek exemption from jury duty; or (3) discriminate against any employee with respect to assignment, employment, promotion, or in any other manner because of the employee's service on a jury panel. However, the Board or personnel commission may establish a rule providing that only a percentage of district staff, which shall not be less than two percent, shall be granted such leave with pay at any one time. The following section may be revised to reflect district practice.

An employee may take time off work in order to: (Labor Code 230)

- 1. Serve on an inquest jury or trial jury
- 2. Comply with a subpoena or other court order to appear as a witness

Notices, summons, and subpoenas for court appearances shall be submitted to the district office when requesting leave.

A classified employee called for jury duty shall be granted leave with pay up to the amount of the difference between the employee's regular earnings and any amount received for jury fees. (Education Code 44037)

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that choose to provide leave of absence with pay for certificated employees called for jury duty, as authorized by Education Code 44036. Districts that do not grant such leave should delete this paragraph.

A certificated employee who is called for jury duty also shall be granted leave with pay up to the difference between the employee's regular earnings and any jury fees received. (Education Code 44036)

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional and applies only to certificated employees. Education Code 44036 allows the Board, at its discretion, to provide paid leaves for employees to appear in court as witnesses other than as litigants or to respond to orders from another governmental jurisdiction. The Board may grant the leave with or without pay. Districts that do not grant such leave should delete this paragraph. or revise it to reflect district practice.

AnA <u>certificated</u> employee shall be granted leave with pay to appear in court as a witness other than <u>as</u> a litigant or to respond to an official order from another governmental jurisdiction for reasons not brought about through the connivance or misconduct of the employee. Such an employee shall receive the difference between the employee's regular earnings and any witness fees received. (Education Code 44036)

Leaves for Crime Victims for Judicial Proceedings

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 230.2 prohibits a district from taking adverse employment action against an employee who takes leave as described below.

An employee who is a victim of a crime or an immediate family member, registered domestic partner, or child of a registered domestic partner of such victim may be absent from work in order to attend related judicial proceedings, if the crime is any of the following: (Labor Code 230.2)

- 1. A violent felony as defined in Penal Code 667.5(c)
- 2. A serious felony as defined in Penal Code 1192.7(c)
- 3. A felony provision of law proscribing theft or embezzlement

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 230.2, employees may use any of the types of leave listed in the following paragraph, unless otherwise provided by a collective bargaining agreement, although a collective bargaining agreement cannot diminish the entitlement of an employee.

For these purposes, the employee may use vacation, personal leave, personal illness/injury leave, unpaid leave, or compensatory time off that is otherwise available to the employee. (Labor Code 230.2)

Prior to taking time off, an employee shall give the Superintendent or designee a copy of the notice of each scheduled proceeding that is provided by the responsible agency, unless advance notice is not feasible. When advance notice is not feasible or an unscheduled absence occurs, the employee shall, within a reasonable time after the absence, provide documentation evidencing the judicial proceeding from the court or government agency setting the hearing, the district attorney or prosecuting attorney's office, or the victim/witness office that is advocating on behalf of the victim. (Labor Code 230.2)

The district shall keep confidential any records pertaining to the employee's absence from work by reason of this leave. (Labor Code 230.2)

Leaves for Victims of Crime or Abuse

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 230 and 230.1 allow employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or a crime that caused physical injury or mental injury with a threat of physical injury, and employees whose immediate family member is deceased as the direct result of a crime to use any available vacation, personal leave, or compensatory time off for the purposes

described in Items #1-5 below, and prohibit a district from taking adverse employment action against an employee for taking leave for any of those purposes. Pursuant to Labor Code 230.1, Items #2-5 apply to districts with 25 or more employees.

An employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or a crime that caused physical injury or mental injury with a threat of physical injury or an employee whose immediate family member, as defined, is deceased as the direct result of a crime may use vacation, sick leave, personal leave, or compensatory time off that is otherwise available to the employee to attend to the following activities: (Labor Code 230, 230.1, 246.5)

- 1. Obtain or attempt to obtain any relief, including, but not limited to, a temporary restraining order, restraining order, or other injunctive relief to help ensure the health, safety, or welfare of the employee or the employee's child
- 2. Seek medical attention for injuries caused by crime or abuse
- 3. Obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, program, rape crisis center, or victim services organization or agency as a result of the crime or abuse
- 4. Obtain psychological counseling or mental health services related to an experience of crime or abuse
- 5. Participate in safety planning and take other actions to increase safety from future crime or abuse, including temporary or permanent relocation

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 230, the following certification may include documentation from a victim advocate (defined as an individual, whether paid or serving as a volunteer, who provides services to victims under the auspices or supervision of an agency or organization that has a documented record of providing services to victims, a court, or a law enforcement or prosecution agency) or any other form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the crime or abuse occurred, including, but not limited to, a written statement signed by the employee or by an individual acting on the employee's behalf.

Prior to taking time off, an employee shall give reasonable notice to the Superintendent or designee, unless advance notice is not feasible. When an unscheduled absence occurs, the employee shall provide, within a reasonable period of time, certification of the absence in the form of any of the following: (Labor Code 230, 230.1)

- 1. A police report indicating that the employee was a victim
- 2. A court order protecting or separating the employee from the perpetrator of the crime or abuse, or other evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney that the employee has appeared in court

- 3. Documentation from a domestic violence or sexual assault counselor as defined in Evidence Code 1037.1 or 1035.2, licensed medical professional or health care provider, victim advocate, or counselor that the employee was undergoing treatment or receiving services for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting in victimization from the crime or abuse
- 4. Any other form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the crime or abuse occurred, including, but not limited to, a written statement signed by the employee or by an individual acting on the employee's behalf certifying that the absence is for a purpose authorized under Labor Code 230 or 230.1

The district shall maintain the confidentiality of such an employee to the extent authorized by law. (Labor Code 230, 230.1)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 230.1, districts with 25 or more employees are required to notify district employees of employee rights under Labor Code 230 and 230.1. The district may use a form developed by the Labor Commissioner for this purpose, when available on DIR's website, or may develop its own form that is substantially similar in content and clarity to the Labor Commissioner's form.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform employees of the rights provided employees pursuant to Labor Code 230 and 230.1 using a form developed by the Labor Commissioner or a substantially similar form developed by the district. Such information shall be provided to new employees upon hire and to other employees upon request. (Labor Code 230.1)

Personal Leave for Child-Related Activities

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 230.8, the following section applies to any district employing 25 or more employees at the same location. A district with fewer than 25 employees at the same location may use or delete this section at its discretion.

Pursuant to Labor Code 230.8, an employee who is discharged, threatened with discharge, demoted, suspended, or otherwise discriminated against for using leave for child-related activities is entitled to reinstatement and reimbursement for lost wages and benefits, and an employer who willfully refuses to rehire, promote, or otherwise reinstate such an employee is subject to a civil penalty equal to three times the amount of the lost wages and benefits.

Any employee who is a parent/guardian of one or more children of an age to attend any of grades K-12 or a program offered by a licensed child care provider may use up to 40 hours of personal leave, vacation, or compensatory time off each school year in order to: (Labor Code 230.8)

- Find, enroll, or reenroll a child in a school or with a licensed child care provider or to
 participate in activities of the school or child care provider, provided the employee gives
 reasonable advance notice of the absence. Time off for this purpose shall not exceed eight
 hours in any calendar month.
- 2. Address a school or child care emergency, provided the employee gives notice. An emergency exists when the child cannot remain in school or with a child care provider due

to one of the following circumstances:

- a. A request by the school or child care provider that the child be picked up
- b. An attendance policy, excluding planned holidays, that prohibits the child from attending or requires that the child be picked up from the school or child care provider
- c. Behavioral or discipline problems
- d. Closure or unexpected unavailability of the school or child care provider, excluding planned holidays
- e. A natural disaster, including, but not limited to, fire, earthquake, or flood

For purposes of this leave, parent/guardian includes a parent, guardian, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, or person who stands in loco parentis to a child. (Labor Code 230.8)

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 230.8 provides that the employee may use time off without pay to the extent the district makes it available. The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

In lieu of using vacation, personal leave, or compensatory time off, eligible employees may take unpaid leave for this purpose.

If two or more parents/guardians of a child are employed at the same work site, this leave shall be allowed for the parent/guardian who first gives notice to the district. Simultaneous absence by another parent/guardian of the child may be granted by the Superintendent or designee. (Labor Code 230.8)

Upon request by the Superintendent or designee, the employee shall provide documentation from the school or licensed child care provider that the employee engaged in permitted child-related activities on a specific date and at a particular time. (Labor Code 230.8)

Service on Education Boards and Committees

Upon request, a certificated employee shall be granted up to 20 school days of paid leave per school year for service performed within the state on any education board, commission, committee, or group authorized by Education Code 44987.3 provided that all of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 44987.3)

1. The service is performed within the state

- 2. The board, commission, organization, or group informs the district in writing of the service
- 3. The board, commission, organization, or group agrees, prior to the service, to reimburse the district, upon the district's <u>written</u> request, for compensation paid to the employee's substitute and for actual related administrative costs

Employee Organization Activities

CSBA NOTE: The following optional section may be deleted by any district whose collective bargaining agreements expressly provide for a paid leave of absence for participation in the activities described in this section.

Education Code 44987 and 45210 provide that any certificated or classified employee may take time off without loss of compensation to serve as an elected officer of any local, statewide, or national employee organization of which the employee is a member. Following the district's payment to the employee for the leave of absence, the employee organization must reimburse the district within 10 days after receiving the district's certification of payment of compensation to the employee. This leave of absence is in addition to the release time granted to representatives of an employee organization pursuant to Government Code 3543.1.

Pursuant to Education Code 44987 and 45210, an employee's leave of absence to serve as an elected officer of an employee organization is additional to any other leave available for the employee's use by law or in agreement with the district.

Upon request, any certificated or classified employee shall be granted a leave of absence without loss of compensation, to serve as an elected officer of a district employee organization or any statewide or national employee organization with which the employee organization is affiliated. Such leave shall be in addition to any other leave to which the employee may be entitled by other laws or a memorandum of understanding or collective bargaining agreement. (Education Code 44987, 45210)

The leave shall include, but is not limited to, absence for purposes of attending periodic, stated, special, or regular meetings of the body of the organization on which the employee serves as an officer. (Education Code 44987, 45210)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 45210 requires districts to grant a paid leave of absence to a reasonable number of classified employees serving as unelected members of the employee organization or a statewide or national public employee organization when the employee attends "important organizational activities authorized by the public employee organization." Compensation must include the required retirement fund contributions. The employee will continue to earn full service credit during the leave and must pay member contributions as specified. Education Code 45210 also requires that an employee organization provide reasonable notification to the district when requesting a leave of absence without loss of compensation for an employee.

Upon request of an employee organization in the district or its state or national affiliate, a reasonable number of unelected classified employees shall be granted a leave of absence without loss of compensation for the purpose of attending important organizational activities authorized by

the employee organization. The employee organization shall provide reasonable notification to the Superintendent or designee when requesting a leave of absence for employees for this purpose. (Education Code 45210)

When leave is granted for any of the above purposes, the employee organization shall reimburse the district within 10 days after receiving the district's certification of payment of compensation to the employee. (Education Code 44987, 45210)

Religious Leave

CSBA NOTE: The following optional section is for use by any district that chooses to grant religious leave and may be revised to reflect district practice. A district that does not grant such leave should delete this section. However, the district should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel before denying a request for religious leave since the Constitution requires districts to provide "reasonable accommodation" to employee religious practices.

The Superintendent or designee may grant an employee up to three days of leave per year for religious purposes, provided that the leave is requested in advance and that it does not cause additional district expenditures, the neglect of assigned duties, or any other unreasonable hardship on the district.

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph reflects the California Supreme Court's interpretation of Article 1, Section 8 of the California Constitution as stated in *Rankin v. Commission on Professional Competence*.

The Superintendent or designee shall deduct the cost of hiring a substitute, when required, from the wages of the employee who takes religious leave.

No employee shall be discriminated against for using this leave or any additional days of unpaid leave granted for religious observances at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

Spouse on Leave from Military Deployment

CSBA NOTE: Military and Veterans Code 395.10 requires any district with 25 or more employees to allow up to 10 days of unpaid leave to an employee whose spouse is on leave from military deployment. A district with fewer than 25 employees may use the following section at its discretion. In addition, 29 USC 2612 authorizes an employee to take up to 26 work weeks of unpaid military caregiver leave or up to 12 weeks of "exigency" leave during a single 12-month period, as determined by the district; see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.

An employee who works an average of 20 hours or more per week and whose spouse is a member of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserves may take up to 10 days of unpaid leave during a period that the employee's spouse is on leave from deployment during a military conflict, as defined in Military and Veterans Code 395.10. (Military and Veterans Code 395.10)

Within two business days of receiving official notice that the employee's spouse will be on leave from deployment, the employee shall provide the Superintendent or designee with notice of the intention to take the leave. The employee shall submit written documentation certifying that the employee's spouse will be on leave from deployment during the time that the leave is requested. (Military and Veterans Code 395.10)

Leave for Emergency Duty

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 230.3 prohibits a district from discharging or discriminating against an employee who takes time off to perform emergency duty as specified below. Labor Code 230.3 defines emergency rescue personnel as a member of a federal, state, local, or private fire department or agency, as well as a sheriff or police department.

An employee may take time off to perform emergency duty as a volunteer firefighter, a reserve peace officer, or emergency rescue personnel. (Labor Code 230.3)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 230.4, a district with 50 or more employees must grant an employee who is a volunteer firefighter, reserve peace officer, or emergency rescue personnel a leave of absence for up to 14 days per calendar year for training purposes. A district with fewer than 50 employees may use or delete this paragraph at its discretion.

Any employee who performs duty as a volunteer firefighter, reserve peace officer, or emergency rescue personnel shall be permitted to take temporary leaves of absence, not to exceed an aggregate total of 14 days per calendar year, for the purpose of engaging in fire, law enforcement, or emergency rescue training. (Labor Code 230.4)

Civil Air Patrol Leave

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 1500-1507 require a district with more than 15 employees to provide at least 10 days of unpaid leave per year, beyond any leave otherwise available to employees, to employees who volunteer with the Civil Air Patrol and are directed to respond to an emergency operational mission, as provided below. Labor Code 1503 specifies that a district may not require an employee to first exhaust all accrued vacation, personal, sick, or any other available leave in order to use Civil Air Patrol leave.

If the district chooses to offer more than 10 days of such leave per year or to provide paid leave, it should modify the following paragraph accordingly. A district with 15 or fewer employees may use or delete this section at its discretion.

An employee may take up to 10 days of unpaid leave per calendar year, beyond any leave otherwise available to the employee, to respond to an emergency operational mission of the California Civil Air Patrol, provided that the employee has been employed by the district for at least a 90-day period immediately preceding the leave. Such leaves shall not exceed three days for a single mission, unless an extension is granted by the governmental entity authorizing the mission and is approved by the Superintendent or designee. (Labor Code 1501, 1503)

The employee shall give the district as much advance notice as possible of the intended dates of the leave. The Superintendent or designee may require certification from the proper Civil Air Patrol authority to verify the eligibility of the employee for the leave and may deny the leave if the employee fails to provide the required certification. (Labor Code 1503)

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Ed. Code 44985	Leave of absence due to death in immediate family; certificated
Ed. Code 44987	Service as officer of employee organization; certificated
Ed. Code 44987.3	Leave of absence to serve on certain boards, commissions, etc.
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Ed. Code 45194	Bereavement leave of absence; classified
Ed. Code 45198	Effect of provisions authorizing leaves of absence
Ed. Code 45207	Personal necessity; classified
Ed. Code 45210	Service as officer of employee organization; classified
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Gov. Code 12945.1-12945.2	California Family Rights Act
Gov. Code 12945.6	Reproductive loss leave
Gov. Code 12945.7	Bereavement leave
Gov. Code 3543.1	Rights of employee organizations
Lab. Code 1500-1507	Civil Air Patrol leave

Leaves for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or Lab. Code 230-230.2

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Leave for volunteer firefighters Lab. Code 230.4

Time off to visit child's school Lab. Code 230.8

Leave to attend to family illness Lab. Code 233

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Paid sick days; purposes for use Lab. Code 246.5

Leave when spouse on leave from military deployment M&V Code 395.10

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Prior prison terms; enhancement of prison terms Pen. Code 667.5

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CSBA NOTE: The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 48200, children ages 6-18 years are subject to compulsory, full-time education, except when otherwise exempted.

Verification of absences is necessary for purposes of enforcement of compulsory education laws and for the determination of whether a student is truant. Pursuant to Education Code 48260, students with a valid excused absence are not truant.

For examples of strategies for reducing to reduce chronic absences, see BP/AR 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy and CSBA's policygovernance brief, Improving Student Achievement by Addressing "Seize the Data: Using Chronic Absence. Data to Drive Student Engagement." For information about the impact of absences on a student's grades, see BP 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement.

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Board shall work with parents/guardians and students to ensure their compliance with all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct problems of chronic absence or truancy.

Absence In accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation, absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies, and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. (as specified in Education Code 48205), and work in the entertainment or allied industry as permitted pursuant to Education Code 48225.5.

CSBA NOTE: When a student has an excused absence pursuant to Education Code 48205 or 48225.5, teachers are required to provide equivalent assignments and tests, as described below. While teachers are not required to do so for other excused absences, the following language extends this requirement to all excused absences for fairness, and to maintain student engagement in the educational program. Districts may modify the following paragraph to reflect that it only applies to excused absences pursuant to Education Code 48205 and 48225.5.

When a student's absence from school is excused, the student's teacher shall determine identical or reasonably equivalent assignments and tests to those missed during the absence which the student shall be permitted to complete for full credit within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the teacher. (Education Code 48205, 48225.5)

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. Pursuant to Education Code 46014, districts, with the written consent of the student's parent/guardian, may excuse a student from school in order to participate in religious exercises or instruction. In order for the district to receive average

daily attendance funding for such absences, the Governing Board mustis required to first adopt a resolution permitting an excused absence for this purpose. The Board is also mandated to adopt regulations governing students' attendance at such exercises or instruction and the reporting of these absences; see the accompanying administrative regulation.

Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 46014)

Inasmuch as school attendance and class participation are integral to students' learning experiences, parents/guardians and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical and other appointments during non-school hours.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 46010.1 and the California Supreme Court in American *Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al.*, minor students do not need parent/guardian consent to obtain confidential medical services, and schools are authorized to excuse a student from school to obtain such services.

Students shall not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' knowledge or consent, except in cases of medical emergency or, as authorized pursuant to Education Code 46010.1, for a confidential medical appointment.

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 421 requires the Board to approve reasonable methods for verifying student absences due to illness or quarantine. See the accompanying administrative regulation for examples of methods of verification.

The Board shall, by resolution entered into its minutes, approve reasonable methods that may be used to verify student absences due to illness or quarantine. (5 CCR 421)

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State 5 CCR 306	Description Explanation of absence
5 CCR 420- 421 <u>424</u>	Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes
Ed. Code 1740	Employment of personnel to supervise attendance
Ed. Code 37201	School month
Ed. Code 37223	Weekend classes
Ed. Code 41601	Reports of average daily attendance
Ed. Code 42238-42250.1	Apportionments
Ed. Code 46000	Attendance records

Ed. Code 46010-46015 Absences Ed. Code 46110-46120 Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools Ed. Code 46140-46148 Attendance in junior high and high schools Ed. Code 48200-48208 Children ages 6-18; compulsory full-time attendance Ed. Code 48210-48216 Exclusions from attendance Ed. Code 48225.5 Work permit; excused absence; entertainment or allied industries; participation in not-for-profit performing arts organization Ed. Code 48240-48246 Supervisors of attendance Ed. Code 48260-48273 Truants Ed. Code 48292 Filing complaint against parent Ed. Code 48320-48324 School attendance review boards Ed. Code 48340-48341 Improvement of student attendance Ed. Code 48980 Parent/Guardian notifications Ed. Code 49067 Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade Ed. Code 49701 Provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children Elec. Code 12302 Student participation on precinct boards Fam. Code 6920-6930 Consent by minor for medical treatment W&I Code 11253.5 Compulsory school attendance: eligibility for aid W&I Code 601-601.5 Habitually truant minors Management Resources Description Attorney General Opinion 66 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 244 (1983) Attorney General Opinion 87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 168 (2004) Court Decision American Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al (1997) 16 Cal.4th 307 **CSBA Publication** Improving Student Achievement by AddressingSeize the Data: Using Chronic Absence, Policy Brief, December 2010 Data to Drive Student Engagement, March 2024 (https://www.csba.org/-/media/CSBA/Files/GovernanceResources/GovernanceBriefs /Attendance-Brief-2024.ashx) Website CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

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Excused Absences

CSBA NOTE: Items #1-1617 below reflect absences that are authorized by law to be considered as excused absences for purposes of enforcing the compulsory state attendance laws. Pursuant to Education Code 48205, absences specified in Items #1-1213, although excused for purposes of enforcing compulsory state attendance laws, are considered absences in computing average daily attendance and do not generate state apportionment payments.

Subject to any applicable limitation, condition, or other requirement specified in law, a student's absence shall be excused for any of the following reasons:

- 1. Personal illness, including absence for the benefit of the student's mental or behavioral health. (Education Code 48205)
- 2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer. (Education Code 48205)
- 3. Medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic service or appointment: (Education Code 48205)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 48205, as amended by SB 350 (Ch. 601, Statutes of 2023), the district is required to excuse a student's absence for up to five days when the absence is for the purpose of attending funeral services or grieving the death of the student's immediate family or of another person in close association with the student, as specified in Item #4 below.

 Attendance at funeral services for or grieving the death of a member of the student's immediate family: (Education Code 48205)

Such absence shall or, as determined by the student's parent/guardian, a person so closely associated with the student as to be limited to one day if the service is conducted in California or three days if the service is conducted out of state. considered the student's immediate family (Education Code 48205)

A student may be excused for this reason for up to five days for each incident. (Education Code 48205)

5. Jury duty in the manner provided for by law. (Education Code 48205)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 48205, absence due to the illness or medical appointment of a student's child is counted as an excused absence, and the district is prohibited from requiring a physician's note for such absences. See the section "Method of Verification" below.

- 6. Illness or medical appointment of a child to whom the student is the custodial parent-(Education Code 48205)
- 7. Upon advance written request by the parent/guardian and the approval of the principal or designee, justifiable personal reasons including, but not limited to: (Education Code 48205)
 - a. Attendance or appearance Appearance in court
 - b. Attendance at a funeral service
 - c. Observance of a religious holiday or ceremony

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 48205, as amended by AB 1503 (Ch. 846, Statutes of 2023), student attendance at a religious retreat may be excused for no more than one school day each semester.

- d. Attendance at religious retreats for no more than four hours per one school day each semester
- e. Attendance at an employment conference
- f. Attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization
- 8. Service as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Elections Code 12302- (Education Code 48205)
- 9. To spend time with an immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Education Code 49701, and has been called to duty for deployment to a combat zone or a combat support position or is on leave from or has immediately returned from such deployment. (Education Code 48205)
 - Such absence shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48205)

- 10. Attendance at the student's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen-(Education Code 48205)
- 11. Participation in a cultural ceremony or event which relates to the habits, practices, beliefs, and traditions of a certain group of people. (Education Code 48205)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 48205, as amended by SB 955 (Ch. 921, Statutes of 2022), districts are required to allow an excused absence for middle and high school students one school day per school year for the purpose of engaging in a civic or political event, provided that the student notifies the school in advance. At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, additional such absences may be permitted.

12. For a middle school or high school student, engagement in a civic or political event, provided that the student notifies the school ahead of the absence. (Education Code 48205)

Unless otherwise permitted by the Superintendent or designee, students shall be limited to one such school day-long absence pereach school year (Education Code 48205)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 48205, as amended by SB 350, a student's absence is required to be excused for up to three days when the absence is for the purpose of accessing victim or grief support services or for participating in safety planning as it relates to the death of a student's immediate family member, or of another person in close association with the student, as specified in Item #13 below.

- 13. When a student's immediate family member or, as determined by the student's parent/guardian, a person so closely associated with the student as to be considered the student's immediate family has died: (Education Code 48205)
 - a. To access services from a victim services organization or agency
 - To access grief support services
 - c. To participate in safety planning or take other actions, including, but not limited to, temporary or permanent relocation, to increase the safety of the student, an immediate family member of the student, or a person determined by the student's parent/guardian to be in such close association with the student as to be considered immediate family.

Such absence shall be excused for not more than three days for each incident. (Education Code 48205)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 46014, with the written consent of the student's parent/guardian, districts may excuse a student from school in order to participate in religious exercises or instruction.

In order for the district to receive average daily attendance funding for such absences, the Governing Board must first adopt a resolution permitting an excused absence for this purpose and regulations governing students' attendance at religious exercises or instruction and the reporting of such absences.

These regulations should include all of Item #14 below and may be expanded to reflect district practice.

The student must also attend school for at least the minimum school day and not be absent for this purpose on more than four days per school month. Pursuant to Education Code 46112, 46113, 46117, and 46141, unless otherwise provided by law, the minimum school day is generally 180 minutes for kindergarten, 230 minutes for grades 1-3, and 240 minutes for grades 4-12. For further information, see AR 6112 - School Day. These regulations should include all of Item #13 below and may be expanded to reflect district practice.

13. 14. Participation in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at the student's place of worship or other suitable place away from school property as designated by the religious group, church, or denomination. (Education Code 46014)

Absence for student participation in religious exercises or instruction shall not be considered an absence for the purpose of computing average daily attendance if the student attends at least the minimum school day as specified in ARAdministrative Regulation 6112 - School Day, and is not excused from school for this purpose on more than four days pereach school month. (Education Code 46014)

14. 15. Work in the entertainment or allied industry. (Education Code 48225.5) For Work for a student who holds a work permit authorizing work in the entertainment or allied industries for a period of not more than five consecutive days. work in such industry (Education Code 48225.5)

For this purpose, student absence shall be excused for a maximum of up to five absences each per school year. (Education Code 48225.5)

15. 16. Participation with a nonprofit performing arts organization in a performance for a public school audience. (Education Code 48225.5)

A student may be excused for up to five such absences pereach school year provided that the student's parent/guardian provides a written explanation of such absence to the school. (Education Code 48225.5)

16. 17. Other reasons authorized at the discretion of the principal or designee based on the student's specific circumstances. (Education Code 48205, 48260)

For the purpose of the absences described above, immediate family means the student's parent/guardian, brother or sistersibling, grandparent, or any other relative living in the student's household. (Education Code 48205)

Method of Verification

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 48205 prohibits the district from requiring a physician's note for absences due to the illness or medical appointment of the student's child. However, the district is authorized to require verification of other absences. The following section should be revised to reflect district-adopted methods of verification and to specify employee(s) assigned to verify absences.

5 CCR 420-421 provide guidelines for verifying absences due to illness; quarantine; medical, dental, or eye appointments; or attendance at a funeral service of a member of a student's immediate family. 5 CCR 421 authorizes a student's absence to be verified by a school or public health nurse, attendance supervisor, physician, principal, teacher, or any other qualified district employee assigned to make such verification.

Student absence to care for a child for whom the student is the custodial parent shall not require a physician's note. (Education Code 48205)

For other absences, the student shall, upon returning to school following the absence, present a satisfactory explanation, either in person or by written note, verifying the reason for the absence. Absences shall be verified by the student's parent/guardian, other person having charge or control of the student, or the student if age 18 or older. (Education Code 46012; 5 CCR 306)

When an absence is planned, the principal or designee shall be notified prior to the date of the absence when possible.

The following methods may be used to verify student absences:

- 1. Written note, fax, email, digital, or voice mailaudio message from parent/guardian or parent representative.
- 2. Conversation, in person or by telephone, between the verifying employee and the student's parent/guardian or parent representative. The employee shall subsequently record the following:

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- a. Name of student
- b. Name of parent/guardian or parent representative
- c. Name of verifying employee
- d. Date(s) of absence

- e. Reason for absence
- 3. Visit to the student's home by the verifying employee, or any other reasonable method which establishes the fact that the student was absent for the reasons stated. The employee shall document the verification and include the information specified in Item #2 above.

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4. Physician's verification

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph provides a means of verifying an excuse for confidential medical services without inquiring into the nature of the medical services.

a. When excusing students for confidential medical services or verifying such appointments, district staff shall not ask the purpose of such appointments but may request a note from the medical office to confirm the time of the appointment.

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph provides that, after absences for illness on multiple occasions, the student may be required to bring a note from a physician to verify the illness. If a student does not have access to medical services in order to obtain such verification, the district may assist the student in obtaining the medical consultation if it is required.

b. If a student shows a pattern of chronic absenteeism due to illness, district staff may require physician verification of any further student absences.

Parental Notifications

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall:

CSBA NOTE: The requirement in Item #1 below is for use by districts any district whose board has adopted a resolution permitting an excused absence for religious instruction or exercises. See the accompanying Board policy and Item #1314 in the section "Excused Absences" above.

1. Notify parents/guardians of the right to excuse a student from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at their places of worship, or at other suitable places away from school property designated by a religious group, church, or denomination. (Education Code 46014, 48980)

CSBA NOTE: The requirement in Item #2 applies to all districts. Districts that maintain only elementary grades should delete the reference to students in grades 7-12.

2. Notify students in grades 7-12 and the parents/guardians of all students enrolled in the district that school authorities may excuse any student from school to obtain confidential medical services without the consent of the student's student's parent/guardian. (Education

 Notify parents/guardians that a student shall not have a grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Such notice shall include the full text of Education Code 48205. (Education Code 48980)

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The Governing Board desires to promote effective communication between from the district and/or school and the home and to families to keep parents/guardians families informed regarding educational programs, school operations, and the legal rights of students and their parents/guardians. The Superintendent or designee shall send parents/guardians all notifications required by law and any other notifications the Superintendent or designee believes will promote parental familial understanding and involvement.

Notice of the rights and responsibilities of parents/guardians as specified in Education Code 48980 shall be sent at the beginning of each academic year and may be provided by regular mail, in electronic form when so requested by the parent/guardian, or by any other method normally used by the district for written communication with parents/guardians. (Education Code 48981)

No activity specified in Education Code 48980 shall be undertaken with respect to any particular student unless the student's parent/guardian has been informed of such action through the annual notification or other separate special notification. Such notice shall state the activity that will be undertaken and the approximate date on which the activity will occur. (Education Code 48983-48984)

The annual notification shall include a request that the parent/guardian sign the notice and return it to the school or, if the notice is provided in electronic format, that the parent/guardian submit a signed acknowledgment of receipt of the notice to the school. The parent/guardian's <u>signature is not required.</u> Any signature is an acknowledgment of receipt of the information but does not indicate that consent to participate in any particular program has been given or withheld. (Education Code 48982)

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

Whenever a student enrolls in a district school during the school year, the student's parents/guardians shall be given all required parental notifications at that time.

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph applies to notices required for certain federal programs, including, but not necessarily limited to, Title I notices pursuant to 20 USC 6311 and 6312, notices regarding the rights of parents/guardians of students with disabilities pursuant to 34 CFR 300.503 and 300.504, and notices of the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness pursuant to 42 USC 11432. The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

Notifications shall be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents/guardians can understand.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to state and federal antidiscrimination laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101; 28 CFR 35) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29

USC 794), auxiliary aides and services must be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities to enable those individuals to effectively communicate and participate in public programs, services, or activities. For example, for the Medi-Cal Program, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the state agency that administers the program, has issued Policy and Procedure Letters No. 21-017R and No. 23-004, which require districts to develop a plan to meet these alternative format requirements. For more information on the Medi-Cal Program, see AR 5141.6 - School Health Services.

When necessary, the district shall provide notifications to qualified individuals with disabilities in alternative formats, such as braille, large **fontfront**, or audio recordings, to enable such individuals to effectively participate in any program, service, or activity, as required by law.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 48985, when 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a school speak a single primary language other than English, all notices and reports sent to the parents/guardians of these students must also be written in the primary language and may be answered by the parent/guardian in either language. Education Code 48985 requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to notify districts, by August 1 of each year, of the schools and the languages for which the translation of notices is required based on census data submitted to the CDE in the preceding fiscal year.

Whenever 15 percent or more of the students enrolled in a district school speak a single primary language other than English, as determined from the California Department of Education census data collected pursuant to Education Code 52164, all notices sent to the parent/guardian of any such student shall, in addition to being written in English, be written in the primary language, and may be responded to either in English or the primary language. (Education Code 48981, 48985)

Whenever an employee learns that a student's parent/guardian is unable to understand the district's printed notifications for any reason, the employee shall inform the principal or designee, who shall work with the parent/guardian to establish other appropriate means of communication.

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Exhibit 5145.6-E(1): Parent/Guardian Notifications

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Cautionary Notice: Government Code 17581.5 releases districts from the obligation to perform specified mandated activities when the Budget Act does not provide reimbursement during that fiscal year. The Budget Act of 2022 (AB 1782023 (SB 101, Ch. 4512, Statutes of 20222023) extends the suspension of these requirements through the 2022-232023-24 fiscal year. As a result, certain provisions of the following Exhibit related to scoliosis screening and bus safety instruction may be suspended

CSBA NOTE: The following exhibit lists notices which that the law explicitly requires be provided to parents/guardians. See the referenced Board policy, administrative regulation, or Board bylaw for further information about related program and notice requirements. For example, see AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures for the contents of the annual notice regarding uniform complaint procedures (UCP) as mandated by 5 CCR 4622.

The exhibit does not include other notices that are recommended throughout CSBA's sample policy manual, but are not required by law. The district may revise the exhibit to reflect additional notifications provided by the district.

This exhibit is a non-exhaustive list of notices that the law explicitly requires be provided to parents/guardians. Other notices may exist and be identified in the future.

I. Annually

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 222.5; 46015 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5146

Subject: Rights and options for pregnant and parenting students

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 234.7 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 0410

Subject: Right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year or upon enrollment

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 310

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6142.2, AR 6174 Subject: Information on the district's language acquisition program

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 17611.5, 17612, 48980.3

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3514.2

Subject: Use of pesticide products, active ingredients, internet address to access information, and,

Status: ADOPTED

if district uses certain pesticides, integrated pest management plan

When to Notify: Annually by February 1

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35256, 35258

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 0510 Subject: School Accountability Report Card provided

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35291, 48980 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144, AR 5144.1

Subject: District and site discipline rules

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44050

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4119.21, BP 4219.21, BP 4319.21

Subject: Code of conduct addressing employee interactions with students

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 46010.1 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5113 Subject: Absence for confidential medical services

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year, if district has adopted policy on involuntary transfer of students convicted of certain crimes when victim is enrolled at same school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48929, 48980 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5116.2

Subject: District policy authorizing transfer

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6111

Subject: Schedule of minimum days and student-free staff development days

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 231.5; 5 CCR 4917; 34 CFR 106.8

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5145.7

Subject: Copy of sexual harassment policy as related to students; contact information for Title IX

coordinator

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 32255-32255.6

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5145.8

Subject: Right to refrain from harmful or destructive use of animals

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 35160.5, 46600-46611, 48204, 48301

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5111.1, AR 5116.1, AR 5117

Subject: All statutory attendance options, available local attendance options, options for meeting

residency, form for changing attendance, appeals process

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year, if Governing Board allows such absence

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 46014

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5113
Subject: Absence for religious exercise or purposes

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year72

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 48205 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5113, BP 6154

Subject: Excused absences; grade/credit cannot be reduced due to excused absence if work or test

has been completed; full text of Education Code 48205

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 48206.3, 48207, 48208

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6183

Subject: Availability of home/hospital instruction for students with temporary disabilities

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 49403 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5141.31

Subject: School immunization program

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 49423, 49480

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.21

Subject: Administration of prescribed medication

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 49451; 20 USC 1232h

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.3 Subject: Right to refuse consent to physical examination

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 49471, 49472

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5143

Subject: Availability of insurance

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year in grades 9-12, if district allows career technical

education (CTE) course to satisfy graduation requirement

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980, 51225.3

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6146.1

Subject: How district established graduation requirements do or do not satisfy college entrance A-

G course criteria; district's CTE courses that satisfy A-G course criteria

When to Notify: Annually

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48985.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: Not currently in CSBA policy

Subject: The dangers of using synthetic drugs not prescribed by a physician and possibility that such

drugs can be found in counterfeit pills

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48986, 49392

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 0450

Subject: Information and laws related to the safe storage of firearms and California's child access

prevention laws

When to Notify: Annually (not otherwise specified)

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4622

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: Sec 43 1312.3, BP 0460, BP 3260

Subject: Uniform complaint procedures, available appeals, civil law remedies, coordinator, complaints about student fees and local control and accountability plan

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49063

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125, AR 5125.3

Subject: Challenge, review and expunging of records

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49063, 49069; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.7

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125

Subject: Student records: inspect and review, access, types, location, persons responsible, location of log, access criteria, cost of copies, amendment requests, criteria for defining school officials and to determine legitimate educational interest, categories defined as directory information, disclosures, right to file complaint with U.S. Department of Education, course prospectus availability

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49063, 49073; 20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.37

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125.1

Subject: Release of directory information

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49069.5, 51225.1

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6173, AR 6173.1, AR 6173.3, AR 6175

Subject: Transfer of coursework and credits for foster youth, students experiencing homelessness,

former juvenile court school students, children of military family, migrant students <u>who are</u>

migratory and newcomer students participating in a newcomer program.

When to Notify: Two or more times during the school year Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49428 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5141.5

Subject: How to access mental health services at school and/or in the community

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year in schools serving students in grades 6-12

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49428.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5141.5 Subject: Distribution of digitized mental health poster online

When to Notify: Annually or upon enrollment in elementary school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49452.6 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.3

Subject: Availability of type 1 diabetes informational materials developed by the California

Department of Education

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49520, 48980, 42 USC 1758, 7 CFR 245.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3553

Subject: Eligibility and application process for free and reduced price meals

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 51513, 20 USC 1232h Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5022, BP 6162.8

Subject: Notice of privacy policy and dates of activities re: survey, health examination, or collection of personal information for marketing; process to opt out of such activities; inspection rights and procedures

When to Notify: When developing the local control and accountability plan and during the annual

update of the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 52062 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 0460

Subject: Opportunity to submit written comments regarding specific actions and expenditures in proposed plan or annual update

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 56301 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6164.4

Subject: Parental rights re: special education identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation and review, and procedures for initiating a referral for assessment

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 58501, 48980

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6181

Subject: Alternative schools

When/Whom to Notify: Annually (not otherwise specified)

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 60615, 5 CCR 852

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6162.51

Subject: Student's participation in state assessments; option to request exemption from testing

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 60900.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: Not currently in CSBA policy Subject: Use of CalPADS data as specified in Education Code 60900.5

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 104855

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.6

Subject: Availability of dental fluoride treatment; opportunity to accept or deny treatment

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year, if district receives Title I funds

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 6312; 34 CFR 200.48 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4112.2, AR 4222

Subject: Right to request information re: professional qualifications of child's teacher and

paraprofessional

When to Notify: Beginning of each school yea75

Education or Other Legal Code: 34 CFR 104.8, 106.98

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 0410, BP 6178

Subject: Nondiscrimination

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year to parent, teacher, and employee organizations or, in

their absence, individuals

Education or Other Legal Code: 40 CFR 763.84, 40 CFR 763.93

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3514

Subject: Availability of asbestos management plan; any inspections, response actions or post-

response actions planned or in progress

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: USDA FNS Instructions 113-1

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 3555

Subject: Information related to the district's food service programs

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year Education or Other Legal Code: USDA SP-46-2016 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3551

Subject: District policy on meal payments

II. At Specific Times During the Student's Academic Career

When to Notify: Beginning in grade 7, at least once prior to course selection and career counseling

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 221.5, 48980 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6164.2

Subject: Course selection and career counseling

When to Notify: Upon a student's enrollment

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 310

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6142.2, AR 6174 Subject: Information on the district's language acquisition programs

When to Notify: When child first enrolls in a public school, if the school offers a fingerprinting

program

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 32390, 48980 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5142.1

Subject: Fingerprinting program

When/Whom to Notify: When participating in driver training courses under the jurisdiction of the

district

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35211

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: None

Subject: Civil liability, insurance coverage

When to Notify: Upon registration in K-6, if students have not previously been transported

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 39831.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3543

Subject: School bus safety rules and information, list of stops, rules of conduct, red light crossing instructions, bus danger zones, walking to and from stops

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year for high school students, if high school is open

campus

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44808.5, 48980

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5112.5

Subject: Open campus

When to Notify: When admitted or advancing to sixth grade Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980.4

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: Not currently in CSBA policy

<u>Subject:</u> A statement regarding the state's public policy, advising that the student adhere to current immunization guidelines regarding full human papillomavirus (HPV) immunization before admission or advancement to the eighth grade level

When to Notify: Prior to providing an eye examination Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49455.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.3

Subject: Upcoming eye examinations at school site, including form on which parent/guardian may indicate lack of consent

When to Notify: When a parent/guardian request for district designation of volunteers is received for training on emergency use of anti-seizure medication for a student diagnosed with seizures Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49468.2

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: To be included in AR 5141.21

Subject: Request for volunteers to be trained in recognition and response to seizures, including administration of emergency anti-seizure medication, description of training, right to rescind offer to volunteer, prohibition against retaliation.

When to Notify: Upon a student's enrollment

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49063

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125, AR 5125.3

Subject: Specified rights related to student records

When to Notify: When students enter grade 7

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49452.7 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.3

Subject: Specified information on type 2 diabetes

When to Notify: When in kindergarten, or first grade if not previously enrolled in public school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49452.8 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.32

Subject: Requirement for oral health assessment, explanation of law, importance of oral health, agency contact, privacy rights

When to Notify: Before grade 12

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Cade 71225.8

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6143 Subject: Completion and submission of FAFSA and CADAA

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year for students in grades 9-12

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 51229, 48980 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6143, BP 6178

Subject: UC and CSU College admission requirements, UC and CSU web sites that list certified courses, description of CTE, CDE Internet address, how students may meet with counselors

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year for students in grades 7-12, or at time of enrollment

if after beginning of year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 51938, 48980 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6142.1

Subject: Sexual health and HIV prevention education; right to view A/V materials, whether taught by district staff or outside consultants, right to request specific Education Code sections, right to excuse

When to Notify: Within 20 working days of receiving results of standardized achievement tests or,

if results not available in school year, within 20 working days of start of next school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 60641, 5 CCR 863

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6162.51

Subject: Results of tests; test purpose, individual score and intended use

When/Whom to Notify: By October 15 for students in grade 12

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 69432.9

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5121, AR 5125

Subject: Forwarding of student's grade point average to Cal Grant program; timeline to opt out

When to Notify: Upon enrollment in a California State Preschool program

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 8489.1 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148.3

Subject: Limitations on disenrollment, including expulsion and suspension and how to file an appeal

in the event of expulsion or suspension

When to Notify: When child is enrolled or reenrolled in a licensed child care center or preschool

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1596.7996

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148

Subject: Information on risks and effects of lead exposure, blood lead testing

When to Notify: When child is enrolled in kindergarten

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 124100, 124105

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.32

Subject: Health screening examination

When to Notify: To students in grades 11-12, early enough to enable registration for fall test

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR 11523

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6146.2

Subject: Notice of proficiency examination provided under Education Code 48412

When to Notify: To secondary students, if district receives Title I funds

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 7908

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125.1

Subject: Request that district not release student's name, address, and phone number to military

recruiters without prior written consent

III. When Special Circumstances Occur

When to Notify: In the event of a breach of security of district records

Education or Other Legal Code: Civil Code 1798.29 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 3580

Subject: Types of records affected, date of breach, description of incident, contact information for

credit reporting agencies

When to Notify: Upon receipt of a complaint alleging discrimination

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 262.3 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 1312.3 Subject: Civil law remedies available to complainants

When to Notify: When determining whether an English learner should be reclassified as fluent

English proficient

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 313, 5 CCR 11303

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6174

Subject: Description of reclassification process, opportunity for parent/guardian to participate

When to Notify: When Student is identified as English learner and district receives Title I or Title III funds for English learner programs, not later than 30 days after beginning of school year or within two weeks of placement if identified during school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 313.2, 440, 20 USC 6312

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6174

Subject: Reason for classification, level of English proficiency, identification as long-term English learner, description of program(s), option to decline program or choose alternate, option to remove student from program at any time, exit requirements of program

When to Notify: For districts under financial distress, as defined, upon an affirmative action by the

Board to implement a school closure or consolidation

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 41329

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: Not currently in CSBA policy

Subject: The date of the closure or consolidation, student's new school assignment, district

resources to support student transition, contacts for additional information.

When to Notify: Prior to implementing alternative schedule Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 46162 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6112

Subject: Public hearing on alternative schedule in secondary grades

When to Notify: When homeless or foster youth applies for enrollment in before/after school

program

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 8483 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5178.2

Subject: Right to priority enrollment how to request priority enrollment

When to Notify: When certification status of a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency attended

by a district student changes, within 14 days of becoming aware of the change

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 56366.45

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: Not currently in CSBA policy

Subject: A change in certification status of nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency

When to Notify: When a child in a California State Preschool program exhibits persistent and

serious challenging behaviors

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 8489.1 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148.3

Subject: Description of the child's behaviors and program plan for maintaining the child's safe

participation in program and expulsion/unenrollment process

When to Notify: At least 24 hours before the effective date of suspending or expelling a child from

a California State Preschool program

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 8489.1 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148.3

Subject: "Notice of Action, Recipient of Services," as described in 5 CCR 17783

When to Notify: Before high school student attends specialized secondary program on a university

campus

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 17288

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: None

Subject: University campus buildings may not meet Education Code requirements for structural

safety

When to Notify: At least 72 hours before use of pesticide product not included in annual list

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 17612 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3514.2

Subject: Intended use of pesticide product

When to Notify: To members of athletic teams

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 32221.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5143

Subject: Offer of insurance; no-cost and low-cost program options

When to Notify: Annually to parents/guardians of student athletes before participation in

competition

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 33479.3 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6145.2

Subject: Information on sudden cardiac arrest

When to Notify: If school has lost its WASC accreditation status

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35178.4 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6190

Subject: Loss of status, potential consequences

When/Whom to Notify: When district has contracted for electronic products or services that

disseminate advertising

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35182.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 3312

Subject: Advertising will be used in the classroom or learning center

When to Notify: At least six months before implementing a schoolwide uniform policy

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35183 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5132 Subject: Dress code policy requiring schoolwide uniform

When to Notify: Before implementing a year-round schedule

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 37616 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6117

Subject: Public hearing on year-round schedule

When to Notify: When interdistrict transfer is requested and not approved or denied within 30

days

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 46601 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5117

Subject: Appeal process

When to Notify: Before early entry to transitional kindergarten or kindergarten, if early entry

offered

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48000

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5111, AR 6170.1 Subject: Effects, advantages and disadvantages of early entry

When to Notify: When student identified as being at risk of retention

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48070.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5123

Subject: Student at risk of retention

When to Notify: When student excluded due to quarantine, contagious or infectious disease,

danger to safety or health

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48213 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5112.2

Subject: Student has been excluded from school

When to Notify: Before already admitted student is excluded for lack of immunization

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48216, 17 CCR 6040

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.31

Subject: Need to submit evidence of immunization or exemption within 10 school days; referral to

medical care

When to Notify: When a student is classified as truant

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48260.5, 48262

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5113.1

Subject: Truancy, parental obligation, availability of alternative programs, student consequences,

need for conference

When to Notify: When a truant is referred to a SARB or probation department

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48263 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5113.1

Subject: Name and address of SARB or probation department and reason for referral

When/Whom to Notify: When student requests to voluntarily transfer to continuation school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48432.3 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6184

Subject: Copy of district policy and regulation on continuation education

When to Notify: Prior to involuntary transfer to continuation school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48432.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6184

Subject: Right to require meeting prior to involuntary transfer to continuation school

When/Whom to Notify: To person holding educational rights, prior to recommending placement of

foster youth outside school of origin

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48853.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6173.1

Subject: Basis for the placement recommendation

When to Notify: When a foster youth or an Indian child receives a suspension, expulsion,

manifestation determination, or involuntary transfer Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48853.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6173.1. AR 6173.4

Subject: Suspension notice, expulsion notice, manifestation determination notice, involuntary transfer notice, and other documents and related information to a foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker and an Indian child's tribal social worker and, if applicable, the child's county social worker

When to Notify: When student is removed from class and teacher requires parental attendance at school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48900.1 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144.1 Subject: Parental attendance required; timeline for attendance

When to Notify: Prior to withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48904 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125.2

Subject: Damaged school property

When to Notify: When withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts from transferring student

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48904.3 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125.2

Subject: Next school will continue withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts

When to Notify: When student is released to peace officer Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48906 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5145.11

Subject: Release of student to peace officer for the purpose of removing minor from school, unless

taken into custody as victim of suspected child abuse

When to Notify: At time of suspension

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48911

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5144.1, AR 5144.1

Subject: Notice of suspension

When to Notify: When original period of suspension is extended

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48911 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144.1

Subject: Extension of suspension

When to Notify: At the time a student is assigned to a supervised suspension classroom

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48911.1 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144.1

Subject: The student's assignment to a supervised suspension classroom

When to Notify: Before holding a closed session re: suspension

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48912 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144.1 Subject: Intent to hold a closed session re: suspension

When to Notify: When a student expelled from another district for certain acts seeks admission

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48915.1, 48918

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5119

Subject: Hearing re: possible danger presented by expelled student

When to Notify: When readmission is denied

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48916 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144.1

Subject: Reasons for denial; determination of assigned program

When to Notify: When expulsion occurs

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48916 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144.1

Subject: Readmission procedures

When to Notify: At least 10 calendar days be expulsion hearing

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48918 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144.1

Subject: Notice of expulsion hearing

When to Notify: When expulsion or suspension of expulsion occurs

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48918 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144.1

Subject: Decision to expel; right to appeal to county board; obligation to inform new district of

status

When to Notify: Before involuntary transfer of student convicted of certain crime when victim is

enrolled at same school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48929, 48980 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5116.2 Subject: Right to request a meeting with principal or designee

When to Notify: One month before the scheduled minimum day

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48980 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6111

Subject: When minimum days are scheduled after the beginning of the school year

When to Notify: When parents/guardians request guidelines for filing complaint of child abuse at a school site.

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48987 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.4

Subject: Guidelines for filing complaint of child abuse at a school site with local child protective

agencies

When to Notify: When student in danger of failing a course Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49067 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5121

Subject: Student in danger of failing a course

When to Notify: When student transfers from another district or private school into the district

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49068 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125

Subject: Right to receive copy of student's record and a hearing to challenge content of student's

records

When/Whom to Notify: When parent/guardian's challenge of student record is denied and parent/guardian appeals

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49070 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125.3

Subject: If board sustains allegations, the correction of destruction of record; if denied, right to

submit written objection

When/Whom to Notify: When district is considering program to gather safety-related information from students' social media activity

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Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49073.6 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 5125 Subject: Opportunity for input on proposed program

When/Whom to Notify: When district adopts program to gather information from students' social

media activity, and annually thereafter

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49073.6

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5125

Subject: Information is being gathered, access to records, process for removal or corrections,

destruction of records

When to Notify: Within 24 hours of release of information to a judge or probation officer

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49076 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125

Subject: Release of student record to a judge or probation officer for conducting truancy mediation

program or for presenting evidence at a truancy petition

When to Notify: Before release of information pursuant to court order or subpoena

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49077 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125

Subject: Release of information pursuant to court order or subpoena

When to Notify: When screening results in suspicion that student has scoliosis

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49452.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.3

Subject: Scoliosis screening

When to Notify: When test results in discovery of visual or hearing defects Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49456; 17 CCR 2951

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.3

Subject: Vision or hearing test results

When to Notify: Within 10 days of negative balance in meal account

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49557.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3551

Subject: Negative balance in meal account; encouragement to apply for free or reduced price meals

When to Notify: Annually to parents/guardians of student athletes

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49475 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6145.2 Subject: Information on concussions and head injuries

When to Notify: Annually to parents/guardians of student athletes before their first practice or

competition

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49476 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6145.2

Subject: Opioid fact sheet

When/Whom to Notify: Within 30 days of foster youth, student experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school student, child of military family, or migrant student being transferred after second year of high school, or immigrant student enrolled in newcomer program in grades 11-12 Education or Other Legal Code: Educational Code 51225.1

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6146.1, AR 6173, AR 6173.1, AR 6173.3, AR 6175

Subject: Exemption from local graduation requirements, effect on college admission, option for fifth year of high school, transfer opportunities through California Community Colleges

When to Notify: When satisfactory educational progress in one or more independent study courses

is not being made by student under 18

Education or Other Legal Code: Educational Code 51749.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6158

Subject: Findings from evaluation to determine if it is in student's best interest to remain in independent study or whether student should be referred to an alternative program.

When to Notify: Before any test/survey questioning personal beliefs

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 51513 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5022

Subject: Permission for test, survey questioning personal beliefs

When to Notify: At least 14 days before HIV prevention or sexual health instruction, if

arrangement made for guest speaker after beginning of school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 51938 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6142.1

Subject: Instruction in HIV prevention or sexual health by guest speaker or outside consultant

When to Notify: Prior to administering survey regarding health risks and behaviors to students in 7-12

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 51938 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5022 Subject: Notice that the survey will be administered

When to Notify: Within 30 calendar days of receipt of results of assessment or reassessment of

English proficiency

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 52164.1, 52164.3, 5 CCR 11511.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6174 Subject: Results of state test of English proficiency

When to Notify: When migrant education program is established

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 54444.2

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Subject: Parent advisory council membership composition

When to Notify: When child participates in licensed child care and development program Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1596.857, 22 CCR 101218.1

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148

Subject: Parent/guardian right to enter and inspect facility and other rights as specified

When to Notify: When a licensed child care center has a building constructed before January 1,

2010 and has drinking water tested for lead

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1597.16

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148

Subject: The requirement to test the facility, and the results of the test

When/Whom to Notify: When district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Funds

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 104420

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3513.3

Subject: The district's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures

When to Notify: When sharing student immunization information with an immunization system

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 120440

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125

Subject: Types of information to be shared, name and address of agency, acceptable use of the

information, right to examine, right to refuse to share

When/Whom to Notify: At least 14 days prior to sex offender coming on campus as volunteer

Education or Other Legal Code: Penal Code 626.81

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 1240, BP 1250

Subject: Dates and times permission granted; obtaining information from law enforcement

When to Notify: When hearing is requested by person asked to leave school premises

Education or Other Legal Code: Penal Code 627.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3515.2

Subject: Notice of hearing

When/Whom to Notify: When responding to complaint re: discrimination, special education, or

noncompliance with law

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR 4631

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 1312.3

Subject: Findings, disposition of complaint, any corrective actions, appeal rights and procedures

When to Notify: When child participates in licensed child care and development program

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR 18066

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148

Subject: Policies regarding excused and unexcused absences

When to Notify: Within 30 days of application for subsidized child care or preschool services

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR 17782, 18094, 18118

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148, AR 5148.3

Subject: Policies re: Approval or denial of services

When to Notify: At least 14 days before change in service or other intended action, upon

recertification or update of application for child care or preschool services

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR 17783, 18095, 18119

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: Seg187148, AR 5148.3

Subject: Policies re: Any change in service, such as in fees, amount of service, termination of service

When to Notify: Upon child's enrollment in child care program

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR 18114

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148

Subject: Policies re: Policy on fee collection

When to Notify: When payment of child care fees is seven days late

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR 18114

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148

Subject: Policies re: Notice of delinquent fees

When to Notify: When district substantively changes policy on student privacy rights

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 1232h

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5022

Subject: Notice of any substantive change in policy or regulation

When to Notify: For districts receiving Title I funds, when a child has been assigned or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet state certification requirements for the grade level/subject taught

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 6312

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4112.2 Subject: Timely notice to parent/guardian of child's assignment

When to Notify: For districts receiving Title I funds, not later than 30 days after beginning of school

year, to parents/guardians of English learners Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 6312

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6174

Subject: Reasons for placement, level of proficiency, instructional methods, how program meets child's strengths and teaches English, exit requirements, right to choose another program

When to Notify: For schools receiving Title I funds, upon development of parent involvement

policy

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 6318

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6020

Subject: Notice of policy

When to Notify: When district receives Impact Aid funds for students residing on Indian lands, to

parents/guardians of Indian children

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 7704; 34 CFR 222.94

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3231

Subject: Relevant applications, evaluations, program plans, information about district's general

educational program; opportunity to submit comments

When to Notify: When household is selected for verification of eligibility for free or reduced-price

meals

Education or Other Legal Code: 42 USC 1758, 7 CFR 245.6a Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3553

Subject: Need to submit verification information; any subsequent change in benefits; appeals

When/Whom to Notify: When student is homeless or unaccompanied minor Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48852.5, 42 USC 11432

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6173

Subject: Educational and related opportunities; transportation services; placement decision and

right to appeal; duties of district liaison; public notice

When to Notify: When student transfers out of state and records are disclosed without consent

pursuant to 34 CFR 99.30

Education or Other Legal Code: 34 CFR 99.34

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5125

Subject: Right to receive records and an opportunity for hearing upon request

When to Notify: When student complains of sexual harassment

Education or Other Legal Code: 34 CFR 106.44, 106.45 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5145.7

Subject: Right to file formal complaint, availability of supportive measures, notice of process, reason

for dismissal of complaint if applicable

When to Notify: When district receives federal funding assistance for nutrition program

Education or Other Legal Code: USDA FNS Instruction 113-1

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 3555

Subject: Rights and responsibilities, nondiscrimination policy, complaint procedures

IV. Special Education Notices

When to Notify: Prior to a student with disabilities beginning tenth grade

Education or Other Legal Code: Educational Code 51225.31 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6146.1 Subject: Exemption from local graduation requirements

When to Notify: Prior to conducting initial evaluation

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 56301, 56321, 56321.5, 56321.6, 56329, 20 USC

1415 (d), 34 CFR 300.502, 300.503

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6159.1, AR 6159.1, AR 6164.4

Subject: Proposed evaluation plan, related parental rights, prior written notice, procedural

safeguards

When/Whom to Notify: Before functional behavioral assessment begins

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 56321 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6159

Subject: Notification and consent

When to Notify: 24 hours before IEP when district intending to record

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 56341.1 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6159

Subject: Intention to audio-record IEP meetings 9

When to Notify: Early enough to ensure opportunity for parent to attend IEP meeting

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 56341.5, 34 CFR 300.322

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6159

Subject: Time, purpose, location, who will attend, participation of others with special knowledge,

transition statements if appropriate

When to Notify: When parent/guardian orally requests review of IEP

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 56343.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6159

Subject: Need for written request

When to Notify: Within one school day of emergency intervention or serious property damage

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 56521.1 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6159.4

Subject: Emergency intervention

When to Notify: Whenever there is a proposal or refusal to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, placement, or FAPE, including when parent/guardian revokes consent for services

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 1415(c), 34 CFR 300.300, 300.503

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6159, AR 6159.1

Subject: Prior written notice

When/Whom to Notify: Upon filing of state complaint

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 1415(d), 34 CFR 300.504

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6159.1

Subject: Procedural safeguards notice

When/Whom to Notify: When disciplinary measures are taken or a change in placement

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 1415(k), 34 CFR 300.530

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5144.2

Subject: Decision and procedural safeguards notice

When to Notify: Upon requesting a due process hearing

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 1415(k), 34 CFR 300.508

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6159.1

Subject: Child's name, address, school, description of problem, proposed resolution

When to Notify: Eligibility for services under Section 504 Education or Other Legal Code: 34 CFR 104.32, 104.36 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6164.6

Subject: District responsibilities, district actions, procedural safeguards

V. Classroom Notices

Where to Post: In all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and student government

meeting rooms

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 234.1

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 1312.3

Subject: Uniform complaint procedures board policy and administrative regulation

Where to Post: In each classroom used for license exempt California State Preschool Program

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 8212 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR/E 1312.3

Subject: Health and safety requirements for preschool programs; where to get complaint form

Where to Post: In each classroom in each school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35186 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR/E 1312.4

Subject: Complaints subject to Williams uniform complaint procedures

Where to Post: In any school serving any of grades 63-12, in a prominent and conspicuous location

in every restroom required to stock menstrual products, Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35292.6 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3517

Subject: Requirement to stock and make available free of cost an adequate supply of menstrual products that includes email address and telephone number for a designated individual responsible for maintaining requisite supply of menstrual products

Where to Post: In a licensed child care and development center at a location accessible to parents/guardians

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1596.857

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148

Subject: Parent/guardian right to inspect, prohibition against retaliation, right to file complaint; registered sex offender database available to public; review licensing reports of facility visits and substantiated complaints against facility

Where to Post: In a prominent, publicly accessible location in the child care facility

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1596.8555

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148

Subject: Child care license

Where to Post: In a prominent location adjacent to child care license at facility

Education or Other Legal Code: Welfare and institutions Code 10228

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5148

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CSBA NOTE: The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Governing Board desires to provide a comprehensive, research-based curriculum in a supportive, positive, and engaging manner that motivates every student to succeed. The district's educational program shall provide students with rigorous opportunities to attain the academic, social and emotional skills, knowledge, and abilities they need to be successful in school, postsecondary education and/or employment, and develop to their full potential.

Strategies for improving the educational program shall take into consideration the needs of individual students and subpopulations of students. including, but not limited to, social, emotional, and behavioral needs. Students who are failing or at risk of failing to meet academic standards shall be provided with alternative programs and/or supplemental assistance designed to raise achievement.

Inasmuch as parents Parents/guardians are critical partners in their children's education, parents/guardians and shall be provided with opportunities to be meaningfully involved both in support of their children's education program at school and with learning at home.

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph includes concepts from the California Department of Education's 2023 publication, "California State Plan for Career Technical Education: A Vision for Equity and Excellence in CTE."

The district's goal of student success may be achieved through regional coordination, collaboration, and alignment between the school, parents/guardians, and the community, including district support for innovative programs and practices that promote student engagement, growth, understanding, achievement, and career exploration.

The Board shall: To support the district's educational program, the Board shall:

- 1. Establish standards of student achievement for core subjects at each grade level that are aligned with the district's vision for student learning, the specific needs and strengths of the students, the expectations of parents/guardians and the community, and available resources
- 2. Establish graduation requirements
- 3. Ensure that a process is in place, involving teachers, administrators, students, and parents/guardians, for the development and review of the district's curriculum
- 4. Adopt the district curriculum and courses of study to be offered

- 5. Adopt textbooks and other instructional materials
- 6. Support the professional staff's implementation of the curriculum by providing consistent policy direction, allocating resources based on educational program priorities, ensuring that collective bargaining agreements do not constrain the district's ability to achieve curricular goals, recognizing staff accomplishments, and including reasonable annual goals related to student learning in the Superintendent evaluation process
- 7. Provide a continuing program of professional development to keep instructional staff, administrators, and Board members updated about current issues and research pertaining to curriculum, instructional strategies, and student assessment
- 8. Review and evaluate the educational program on the basis of state and federal accountability measures, disaggregated student achievement data, and other indicators and ensure that evaluation results are used to improve programs, curriculum, and/or instructional practices as necessary to enhance student achievement
- 9. Communicate clear information about district instructional goals, programs, and progress in student achievement to the community and media

The Superintendent or designee shall:

- 1. Review research related to curriculum issues
- Select and/or develop curricula for recommendation to the Board in accordance with the district's curriculum development and review process
- 3. Ensure the articulation of the curriculum between grade levels and with postsecondary education and the workplace
- 4. Determine the general methods of instruction to be used
- 5. Assign instructors and schedule classes for all curricular offerings
- 6. Recommend instructional materials to the Board and direct the purchase of approved materials and equipment
- 7. Evaluate and report to the Board on student achievement as demonstrated through testing and other types of appraisal, and recommend necessary changes in curriculum, programs, and instruction as indicated by student performance data

CSBA NOTE: The following section is optional. 5 CCR 4424 requires districts to demonstrate comparability of services as a condition of receiving grants for compensatory education programs. In addition, 20 USC 6321 mandates districts receiving Title I funds to have policy on comparability in instruction; see BP/AR 6171 - Title I Programs for language fulfilling this mandate.

The district shall provide comparable educational opportunities for all students. Instruction in the core curriculum shall be in no way diminished when students receive supplementary services funded by special governmental programs. Services funded by any categorical program shall supplement, not supplant, the district-provided core curriculum and any services which may be provided by other categorical programs.

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Policy 6164.2: Guidance/Counseling Services

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CSBA NOTE: The following optional Board policy should be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 49600, as amended b AB 2508 (Ch. 153, Statutes of 2022) urges districts to offer students a comprehensive educational counseling program that is implemented in a structured and coherent manner within a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support framework. (MTSS). Pursuant to Education Code 49600, as amended by AB 2508, specialized services offered under such a program must be provided by appropriately credentialed school counselors.

SB 114 (Ch. 48, Statutes of 2023) provides grant funding to eligible districts to establish safe, healthy, and supportive learning opportunities and environments in schools, which include, implementation of high quality integrated academic, behavioral, and social and emotional learning practices or services aligned to the MTSS.

The Governing Board recognizes that a structured, coherent, and comprehensive counseling program promotes academic achievement and growth, and serves the diverse needs of district students. The district shall provide an educational counseling program that offers students services and supports within a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) framework, in accordance with law. Counseling staff shall be available to provide students with individualized reviews of their educational progress toward academic and/or career and vocational goals and, as appropriate, may discuss social, personal, or other issues that may impact student learning and well-being.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 44266 and 5 CCR 80049-80049.1, persons authorized to provide services in school counseling, school psychology, or school social work must possess a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential, with the appropriate specialization, issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

In order to have more qualified mental health professionals who are certified to provide child welfare and attendance services, Education Code 44266, as amended by SB 223 (Ch. 175, Statutes of 2023), permits flexibility for PPS credential holders to receive authorization to provide child welfare and attendance services by either completing; (1) a CTC-approved program of supervised field experience that includes direct classroom contact, jointly sponsored by a school district and a college or university, or (2) a CTC-approved program of professional preparation offered by a local educational agency.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all persons employed to provide direct school counseling, school psychology, school social work services to students, child welfare and attendance services, and/or to implement equitable school programs and services that support students' academic and social and emotional development and college and career readiness shall possess the

appropriate credential from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing their employment in such positions. Responsibilities of such positions shall be clearly defined in a job description.

CSBA NOTE: The following optional list may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 49600; as amended by AB 2508, expresses the Legislature's intent that school counselors fulfill the following responsibilities.

Responsibilities of school counselors include, but are not limited to:

- Engaging with, advocating for, and providing all students with direct services, such as
 individual counseling, group counseling, risk assessment, crisis response, and instructional
 services, including mental health and behavioral, academic, and postsecondary educational
 services, and indirect services, including but not limited to, positive school climate
 strategies, teacher and parent/guardian consultations, and referrals to public and private
 community services
- 2. Planning, implementing, and evaluating school counseling programs
- 3. Working within a MTSS that uses multiple data sources to monitor and improve student behavior, attendance, engagement, and achievement
- 4. Developing, coordinating, and supervising comprehensive student support systems in collaboration with teachers, administrators, other pupil personnel services professionals, families, community partners, and community agencies, including county mental health agencies
- 5. Promoting and maintaining a safe learning environment for all students by providing restorative practices, positive behavior interventions, and support services, and by developing and responding with a variety of intervention strategies, and using those strategies, to meet individual, group, and school community needs before, during, and after a crisis
- 6. Intervening to ameliorate school-related problems, including problems related to chronic absences and retention
- 7. Using research-based strategies to promote mental wellness, reduce mental health stigma, and to identity characteristics, risk factors, and warning signs of students who develop, or are at risk of developing, mental health and behavioral disorders and who experience, or are at risk of experiencing, mistreatment, including mistreatment related to any form of conflict or bullying
- 8. Improving school climate and student well-being by addressing the mental and behavioral health needs of students during a period of transition, separation, heightened stress, and critical changes, accessing community programs and services to meet those needs, and providing other appropriate services
- Enhancing students' social and emotional competence, character, health, civic engagement, cultural literacy, and commitment to lifelong learning and the pursuit of high-quality educational programs

CSBA NOTE: Item #10 below may be revised to specify only English learners, students eligible for free and reduced-price meals, and foster youth, as provided in Education Code 49600. However, a district is permitted to provide such services to other categories of students who may be in need, such as students experiencing homelessness

- 10. Providing counseling services for unduplicated students who are classified as English learners, or foster youth, homeless children, and students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals, foster youth, and/or experiencing homelessness, including interventions and support services that enhance equity and access to appropriate education systems and public and private services
- 11. Engaging in continued development as a professional school counselor

Educational And Career Counseling

CSBA NOTE: The following optional section is for use by districts that maintain any of grades 7-12 and may be revised to reflect district practice and the grade levels offered by the district.

Beginning in grade 7, parents/guardians shall receive a general notice at least once before career counseling and course selection so that they may participate in the counseling sessions and decisions. (Education Code 221.5)

CSBA NOTE: Items #1-5 below reflect required components of educational counseling programs specified in Education Code 49600; as amended by AB 2508.

The educational counseling program shall include academic counseling and postsecondary services, in the following areas (Education Code 49600):

- Development and implementation, with parent/guardian involvement, of the student's immediate and long-range educational plans
- 2. Optimizing progress towards achievement of proficiency standards and competencies
- 3. Completion of the required curriculum in accordance with the student's needs, abilities, interests, and aptitudes
- 4. Academic planning for access and success in higher education programs, including advisement on courses needed for admission to colleges and universities, standardized admissions tests, and financial aid

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 49600, educational counseling must include career and vocational counseling as described in Item #5 below. As amended by AB 2508, Education Code 49600 requires that professional development related to career and vocational counseling include strategies for counseling students pursuing postsecondary education, career technical education, multiple pathways, college, and global career opportunities.

5. High-quality career programs at all grade levels in which students are assisted in doing all of the following:

- a. Planning for the future, including, but not limited to, identifying personal interests, skills, and abilities, career planning, course selection, and career transition
- b. Becoming aware of personal preferences and interests that influence educational and occupational exploration, career choice, and career success
- c. Developing work self-efficacy for the ever-changing work environment, the changing needs of the workforce, and the effects of work on quality of life
- d. Understanding the relationship between academic achievement and career success, and the importance of maximizing career options
- e. Understanding the value of participating in career technical education pathways, programs, and certifications, including, but not limited to, those related to regional occupational programs and centers, the federal program administered by the United States U. S. Department of Labor offering free education and vocational training to students, known as "Job Corps," the California Conservation Corps, work-based learning, industry certifications, college preparation and credit, and employment opportunities
- f. Understanding the need to develop essential employable skills and work habits

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 19600, as amended by AB 2508, adds the following component to educational counseling programs, reflected below.

g. Understanding entrance requirements to the <u>U.S.</u> Armed Forces of the United States, including the benefits of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test

CSBA NOTE: In addition to the required components listed above, Education Code 49600_7 as amended by AB 2508_7 includes a list of optional components which a district may, at its discretion, offer as part of the educational counseling program.

The district's educational counseling program also may include, but not be limited to, identification of students who are at risk of not graduating with their peers, development of a list of coursework and experience necessary to assist students to satisfy the curricular requirements for college admission and successfully transition to postsecondary education or employment, and counseling regarding available options for students who fail to meet graduation requirements to continue with their education.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a program of guidance, placement, and follow-up for all high school students subject to compulsory continuation education. (Education Code 48431)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 54680-54685, as added by AB 278 (Ch. 424, Statutes of 2023), establishes the Dream Resource Grant Program with the goal of creating Dream Resource Centers at schools that serve students in grades 9-12. The funds may be used to create a center or to supplement, but not supplant, funding for an existing center. The following paragraph is for districts that receive such grant funding.

To enhance the educational counseling program and assist students in reaching their educational and professional goals, the district shall provide students in grades 9-12 with financial aid support; social services support; state-funded immigration legal services; academic opportunities; and parent/guardian and family workshops. (Education Code 54680, 54683)

CSBA NOTE: As amended by AB 2508, Education Code 49600 also permits districts to offer mental and behavioral health services as provided in the following paragraph. For more information regarding staff development related to the recognition of mental health warning signs, see BP 5141.5 - Mental Health and BP/AR 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention.

As part of the district's educational counseling program, students may be offered mental and behavioral health services under which a student may receive prevention, intervention, short-term counseling services, and mental health related classroom instruction to reduce stigma and increase awareness of counseling support services.

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 221.5 prohibits school counselors from offering vocational or school program guidance to a student of one sex that is different from that offered to a student of the opposite sex. In additionAdditionally, 5 CCR 4930 prohibits discrimination in counseling programs to the same extent that discrimination is prohibited in all other district programs and activities. Prohibited bases for discrimination in district programs are specified in BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

No counselor shall unlawfully discriminate against any student. Guidance counseling regarding school programs and career, vocational, or higher education opportunities shall not be differentiated on the basis of any protected category specified in BPlaw or Board Policy 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

In additionAdditionally, counselors shall affirmatively explore with a student the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers, that are nontraditional for that student's sex. (Education Code 221.5)

For assessing or counseling students, the district shall not use testing or other materials that permit or require impermissible or unlawful differential treatment of students, unless such different materials cover the same occupations and interest areas and the use of such materials is essential to the elimination of bias and discrimination. (5 CCR 4931)

CSBA NOTE: 20 USC 7908 requires districts receiving funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to provide military recruiters with the same access to students as is provided to colleges and prospective employers. Districts that do not grant similar access may lose those funds, and, <u>pursuant to 10 USC 503</u>, may be subject to specific interventions, such as notification to the Governor and Congress, so that public officials can work with the district. Districts that do not receive ESEA funds and that choose to grant access to college and employment recruiters should do so on a nondiscriminatory basis. Education Code 49603 provides that military service recruiters may not be denied on-campus access to students in grades 9-12 if the district provides such access to other employers. For information regarding military recruiter access to student directory information, see BP/AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information.

Option 1 below is for use by districts that choose to adopt a policy that permits college and employment recruiters, including military recruiters, access to students. Option 2 is for districts that choose to adopt a policy that does not permit such access.

OPTION 1: (Districts with policy that permits college, employment, and military recruiters access to students)

Colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters, shall have the same access to students for recruiting purposes. (Education Code 49603; 10 USC 503; 20 USC 7908)

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

OPTION 2: (Districts with policy that prohibits college, employment, and military recruiters access to students)

Colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters, shall not have access to students for recruiting purposes. (Education Code 49603; 10 USC 503)

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 3074.2, as added by AB 643 (Ch. 324, Statutes of 2021), districts are encouraged to provide students with opportunities to explore, make career choices, and seek appropriate instruction and training to support those choices, by hosting locally focused apprenticeship and/or career and technical education fair events, such as college and career fairs.

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with businesses, government agencies, postsecondary institutions including universities and career technical schools, community organizations, and/or other employers to provide students with actual or simulated work-based learning opportunities through college and/or career fairs.

CSBA NOTE: The remainder of this section applies to all districts, regardless of whether Option 1 or Option 2, above, is chosen.

Labor Code 3074.2; as added by AB 643, requires any district planning to hold a college or career fair to identify approved apprenticeship programs in the county and notify such programs that they are hosting a college or career fair. To identify approved programs, the district is required to rely on the Division of Apprenticeship Standards' database of approved apprenticeship programs, published by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards located on its internet web site website.

When planning to hold a college or career fair, the Superintendent or designee shall notify each apprenticeship program in the county. The notification shall include the planned date, time, and location of the college or career fair. (Labor Code 3074.2)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 52770, as added by AB 1173 (Ch. 23, Statutes of 2023), requires a district that serves students in any of grades 9-12 that is planning to hold a college or career fair to notify each community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction of the date, time, and location of the fair, and provide an opportunity for the community college district to participate.

<u>Districts that do not serve students in grades 9-12 should amend the following paragraph to reflect district practice.</u>

Additionally, the district shall provide the notification to any community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction with the district and an opportunity for the community college district to participate in the college or career fair. (Education Code 52770)

Personal or Mental Health Counseling

CSBA NOTE: The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice. A school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker may offer personal or family counseling in accordance with the authorizations on their credentials. In additionAdditionally, districts may provide mental health services through school-based health centers (see BP 5141.6 - School Health Services) and/or may collaborate with community agencies, organizations, and health care providers to ensure that services are available. For more information regarding school health centers, see BP 5141.6 - School Health Services.

A school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker may provide individualized personal, mental health, or family counseling to students in accordance with the specialization(s) authorized by their credential. Such services may include, but are not limited to, support related to the student's social and emotional development, behavior, substance abuse, mental health assessment, depression, or mental illness. As appropriate, students and their parents/guardians shall be informed about community agencies, organizations, or health care providers that offer qualified professional assistance.

CSBA NOTE: If a minor is 11 years old or younger, consent by a parent/guardian is required before providing the minor with outpatient mental health counseling or treatment services. AB 665 (Ch. 338, Statutes of 2023) repealed and added Family Code 6920-6929 and 6924 to make it consistent with Health and Safety Code 124260 allowwhich allows a minor age 12 or older to consent to outpatient mental health counseling or treatment services without parent/guardian consent if, in the opinion of a school psychologist or other professional person, as defined, the minor is mature enough to participate intelligently in the services. without having to establish that the minor would present a danger of serious physical or mental harm to themself or others without the mental counseling or treatment services or that the minor is an alleged victim of incest or child abuse. However, pursuant to Family Code 6924, as added by AB 665, the child's parent/guardian must still be involved unless the professional person determines, after consulting with the minor, that it would be inappropriate.

Written parent/guardian consent shall be obtained before mental health counseling or treatment services are provided to a student, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6920-69296924, Health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable law.

Any information of a personal nature disclosed to a school counselor by a student age 12 years or older or by the student's parent/guardian is confidential and shall not become part of the student record without the written consent of the person who disclosed the confidential information. The information shall not be revealed, released, discussed, or referred to except under the limited circumstances specified in Education Code 49602. (Education Code 49602)

A counselor shall consult with the Superintendent or designee and, as appropriate, with the district's legal counsel whenever unsure of there is uncertainty regarding how to respond to a student's personal problem or when questions arise regarding the possible release of confidential information regarding a student.

Crisis Counseling

The Board recognizes the need for a prompt and effective response when students are confronted with a traumatic incident. School counselors shall assist in the development of the comprehensive school safety plan, emergency and disaster preparedness plan, and other prevention and intervention practices designed to assist students and parents/guardians before, during, and after a crisis.

Early identification and intervention plans shall be developed to help identify those students who may be at risk for violence so that support may be provided before they engage in violent or disruptive behavior.

In addition Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall identify crisis counseling resources to train district staff in effective threat assessment, appropriate response techniques, and/or methods to directly help students cope with a crisis if it occurs.

Teacher-Based Advisory Program

CSBA NOTE: The following optional section is for use by districts that choose to provide a teacherbased advisory program as authorized by Education Code 49600. The following section may be revised to reflect district practice, including the grade levels at which the program will operate. It should be deleted by districts in which all student counseling is provided by credentialed school counselors.

The Board recognizes that a supportive, ongoing relationship with a caring adult can provide a student with valuable advice, enhance student-teacher relationships, and build the student's feelings of connectedness with the school. The Board authorizes the development of a teacher-based advisory program in which teachers advise students in such areas as academic planning, character development, conflict resolution, and self-esteem. Any teacher participating in this program shall be under the supervision of a credentialed school counselor as appropriate, receive related information and training, and be subject to <u>law and</u> this Board policy and law, including requirements pertaining to student confidentiality and nondiscrimination.

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Policy 6177: Summer Learning Programs

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CSBA NOTE: The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice. Education Code 46120; as amended by AB 181 (Ch. 52, Statutes of 2022) and AB 185 (Ch. 571; Statutes of 2022); provides for the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Program, which includes expanded learning opportunities beyond the regular school day, including summer, vacation, and/or intersessional programs for students in grades transitional kindergarten (TK)-6.

Pursuant to Education Code 46120, on non-school days, intersessional programs of specified lengths of time must include in-person before or after school programs as described in BP/AR 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs.

A district may not opt out of .

<u>Districts are required to provide</u> an ELO program; however to specified students. However, student participation in an ELO program is optional. For additional For more information regarding ELO program requirements about ELO programs, see BP/AR 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs.

The following optional policy may

Pursuant to Education Code 46120, as amended by SB 141 (Ch. 194, Statutes of 2023), a district that is temporarily prevented from operating its ELO program because of a school site closure due to emergency conditions specified in Education Code 41422 or Education Code 8482.8(d), will not be revised to reflect district practice subject to penalties as a result of the emergency if the Governing Board adopts a resolution and provides documentation substantiating the need for closure.

The Governing Board recognizes that an extended break from the instructional program may result in significant learning loss, especially among disadvantaged and low-achieving students, and desires to provide opportunities during the summer for students to practice essential skills, make academic progress, and developfocus on developing social, emotional, and physical needs and interests through hands-on engaging learning experiences.

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 52060-52077, as added by AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013), require districts to develop a local control and accountability plan (LCAP) which includes goals aligned with state and local priorities, specific actions aligned to meet those goals, and a budget aligned to fund those specific actions; see BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan. The purposes and content of the district's summer programs should be aligned with the priorities and goals as outlined in the LCAP and other applicable district and school plans.

Summer programs offered by the district shall be aligned with the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), other applicable district and school plans, and the educational program provided during the school year. When feasible, summer programs shall blend high-quality academic

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instruction in core curricular and/or elective subjects with recreation, nutrition programs, social and emotional development, and support services that encourage attendance, student engagement in learning, and student wellness.

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CSBA NOTE: Summer school programs may be funded through a variety of sources that include, but are not limited to, Title I funding (20 USC 6311-6322), After School Education and Safety Program supplemental funds (Education Code 8482-8484.6), 21st Century Community Learning Center supplemental funds (Education Code 8484.7-8484.9; 20 USC 7171-7176), and ELO programs (Education Code 46120); for more information on funding for these programs see BP/AR 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs.

Pursuant to Education Code 46120, as amended by AB 181 and AB 185, ELO programs must include at least nine hours of in-person expanded learning opportunities per day for at least 30 non-school days, inclusive of extended school year days provided pursuant Education Code 56345.

In addition, Education Code 54444.3 requires agencies receiving Title I Migrant Education funding to conduct summer school for eligible migrant students in grades K-12; see BP/AR 6175 - Migrant Education Program.

Option 1 is for districts that are not required to offer summer school. Option 2 is for districts that are required to offer ELO programs on at least 30 non-school days pursuant to Education Code 46120.

OPTION 1 (District is not required to offer summer school)

The Superintendent or designee, with Board approval, may establish summer school day and/or evening classes.

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

OPTION 2 (District is required to offer summer school pursuant to Education Code 46120)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish summer school classes pursuant to Education Code 46120.

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

The district's summer school program may be used to provide supplemental instruction to students needing remediation and/or enrichment in core academic subjects.

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. Pursuant to Education Code 43522, until June 30, 2025, districts that receive ELO grant funding are required to implement a learning recovery program that provides supplemental instruction, support for social-emotional well-being, and to the maximum extent permissible as specified in U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines, meals and snacks, to students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, foster youth, students experiencing homelessness, students with disabilities, students at risk of abuse, neglect, or

exploitation, disengaged students, and students who are below grade level, including, but not limited to, those who did not enroll in kindergarten in the 2020-21 school year, credit-deficient students, high school students at risk of not graduating, and other students identified by certificated staff. Pursuant to Education Code 43522, districts may utilize ELO grant funding to provide students with extended instructional learning time based on student learning needs through summer school.

The district shall provide students with supplemental instruction and support in a tiered framework that bases universal, targeted, and intensive supports on students' needs for academic, social-emotional, and other integrated student supports through a program of engaging learning experiences in a positive school climate.

CSBA NOTE: The following optional list establishes enrollment priorities for the provision of summer school instruction and may be revised to reflect district practice. Item #1 should be deleted by districts that do not maintain high schools.

As appropriate, priority for enrollment in summer school programs shall be given to district students who:

- 1. Need course credits in order to graduate from high school before the beginning of the next school year
- 2. Have been retained or are at risk of being retained at their grade level
- 3. Demonstrate academic deficiencies in core curriculum areas

CSBA NOTE: Optional Item #4 establishes priority for summer school enrollment to at-risk student groups identified in the district's LCAP. Pursuant to Education Code 52060, the LCAP must include annual goals to be achieved for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup as, defined in Education Code 52052-, as amended by SB 114 (Ch. 48, Statutes of 2023), to include "long-term English learners." Pursuant to Education Code 52052, numerically significant subgroups include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and students experiencing homelessness if there are at least 30 students in the subgroup (or at least 15 foster youth or students experiencing homelessness) in the school or districtas amended by SB 141 (Ch. 194, Statutes of 2023), a "long-term English learner" is defined as a student who has not attained English language proficiency within seven years of initial classification as an English learner. For schools or districts with 11-99 students, numerically significant student subgroups are defined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction with approval by the State Board of Education.

4. Are in targeted student groups identified in the district's LCAP as needing increased or improved services to succeed in the educational program

CSBA NOTE: A district that operates an intersession program, including summer school, is required to grant priority access to a foster youth pursuant to Education Code 48853.5, as amended by AB 723 (Ch. 812, Statutes of 2023), and to a student experiencing homelessness, pursuant to Education Code 48850, as amended by AB 373 (Ch. 327,

Statutes of 2023). If any such student will be moving during an intersession period, the student's educational rights holder, or in the case of an American Indian student, Indian custodian, is authorized to determine which school the student attends for the intersession period.

5. Are foster youth and/or are students experiencing homelessness

If during an intersession period the student will be moving, the student's educational rights holder or, in the case of an American Indian child, Indian custodian, shall determine which school the student attends for the intersession period, if applicable. (Education Code 48850, 48853.5)

CSBA NOTE: For the 2022-23 school year, districts receiving ELO funds are required to offer access to ELO programs to all unduplicated students in grades TK-6 and to provide access to such programs to at least 50 percent of enrolled unduplicated students.

Commencing with the 2023-24 school year, districts CSBA NOTE: Districts with a prior fiscal year local control funding formula (LCFF) unduplicated pupil percentage (UPP) of at least 75 percent are required to offer access to ELO programs to all classroom-based students in grades TK-6 inclusive, and to ensure that access is provided to any student whose parent/guardian requests placement in an ELO program. Districts with a prior fiscal year LCFF UPP of less than 75 percent are required to offer access to ELO programs to all unduplicated students in grades TK-6, inclusive, and ensure that access is provided to any unduplicated student whose parent/guardian requests placement in an ELO program.

 Are in grades transitional kindergarten (TK)-or kindergarten children, or in any of grades 1-6 and are required to be offered or provided access to Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Programs pursuant to Education Code 46120 and BP/AR 5184.2 -Before/After School Programs

CSBA NOTE: Option 1 below is for districts that permit remaining students to enroll in summer school on a first-come first-served basis. Option 2 is for districts that utilize a lottery to select remaining students to enroll in summer school.

OPTION 1: (First-come first-served)

The remaining openings shall be offered to other district students on a first-come first-served basis.

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

OPTION 2: (Lottery)

The remaining openings shall be offered to other district students on a lottery basis.

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph should be modified to reflect district practice.

Because summer courses cover extensive instructional content in a relatively short time period, students who have more than three excused absences or one unexcused absence may not receive

credit for summer session class(es) unless they make-up missed work in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

CSBA NOTE: State funding is not available for transportation to summer school. To accommodate students and parents/guardians who need to provide their own transportation, some districts rotate the sites at which summer sessions are offered, as provided in the following optional paragraph.

Sites for summer school programs may be rotated in an effort to make summer school programs more accessible to all students, regardless of residence or regular attendance area, and to accommodate the maintenance needs of district schools.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 46120, any student who attends a school that is not operating an ELO program must be provided transportation to attend at a location that is providing an ELO program, and to return to the original location or another location that is established by the district.

The district shall provide any student who attends a school that is not operating an ELO program transportation to attend at a location that is providing an ELO program and to return to the original location or another location that is established by the district. (Education Code 46120)

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph should be revised to reflect indicators for program evaluation that have been agreed upon by the Board and Superintendent, as well as a timeline for reports to the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on summer school enrollment in the current year and previous year for the program as a whole and disaggregated by grade level, school that the students attend during the regular school year, and student population. In addition, the Superintendent or designee may report on the extent to which students successfully achieved the outcomes established for the program.

Additional Summer Learning Opportunities

CSBA NOTE: The following optional section may be revised to reflect district practice and may be adapted for use during intercessions intersessions other than summer break. For further information about summer learning opportunities, see BP/AR 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs and CSBA's Summer Learning and Wellness Resource Guide.

Districts are prohibited from charging a fee for summer school programs. However, it is permissible for third parties that offer a summer school program to charge a fee for such program. CDE's, "Fiscal Management Advisory 22-01, Summer School, Third Parties, and Tuition Fees," provides that if a third party that is affiliated with a district charges tuition for a summer program, the district should make an individualized inquiry as to the relationship between the district and the third party to determine whether the educational activities are being offered by the district. In making this determination, districts may consider factors listed in "Fiscal Management Advisory 22-01-." Districts with questions as to whether a fee may be charged for summer school should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel. See also BP/AR 3260 - Fees and Charges.

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with parents/guardians, city and county agencies, community organizations, child care providers, and/or other interested persons to develop,

implement, and build awareness of organized activities that support summer learning.

Strategies to support summer learning may include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Providing information to students and parents/guardians about summer reading programs scheduled to be conducted by public libraries or community organizations
- Collaborating with the local parks and recreation agency and/or community organizations to provide day camps, sports programs, or other opportunities for physical education and activity
- 3. Collaborating with workforce development agencies, businesses, and community organizations to provide summer job training opportunities that include an academic component
- 4. Encouraging reading in the home, such as providing lists of recommended reading to students and parents/guardians, establishing a target number of books or pages, and providing prizes for achievement of reading goals
- 5. Assigning summer vacation homework in core curricular subject(s) for extra credit
- 6. Conducting occasional, interactive "fun days" during the summer to provide activities related to art, music, science, technology, mathematics, environmental science, multicultural education, debate, or other subject
- 7. Arranging opportunities for community service

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CSBA NOTE: Article 16, Section 18 of The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice. Pursuant to the California Constitution permits, Article 16, Section 18, a school districts to district may issue bonds for the construction of school facilities with either a 66.67 percent or 55 percent approval by local voters. To qualify for the lower 55 percent (threshold pursuant to Proposition 39) threshold, districts must use the bond funds for certain purposes and fulfillare required to comply with additional accountability requirements, as required by law and as specified in this Board policy and accompanying administrative regulation.

Education Code 15100 sets forth conditions under which the Governing Board may call for a bond election. Pursuant to Education Code 15266, these conditions must be satisfied if the Board is seeking either the 66.67 percent or 55 percent approval threshold.

In 88 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 46 (2005), the Attorney General opined that a school district may use district funds to hire a consultant to assess the feasibility of developing a bond measure and to assess the public's <u>level of</u> support and opposition, but not to develop and implement a strategy to build a coalition to support the bond because such activities would be an impermissible use of public funds for campaign purposes in violation of Education Code 7054. However, in 99 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 18 (2016), the Attorney General, while reaffirming the 2005 opinion, clarified that costs incurred from hiring consultants for pre-election services could not be paid from bond proceeds. For further discussion regarding use of district funds for political purposes, see BP 1160 - Political Processes. <u>Districts with questions about use of bond proceeds should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.</u>

Additional information about debt financing for districts may be found in the California Debt and Investment Advisory's (CDIAC) publication, "California Debt Financing Guide."

The Governing Board recognizes that school facilities are an essential component of the educational program and that the Board has a responsibility to ensure that the district's facilities needs are met in the most cost-effective manner possible. The Board may direct the Superintendent to explore the possibility of a bond measure, which may include, but is not limited to, conducting community focus groups, surveys, and Board presentations. When the Board determines that it is in the best interest of district students, it may order an election on the question of whether bonds shall be issued to pay for school facilities.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 8855, as amended by SB 1029 (Ch. 307, Statutes of 2016), the Board is required to adopt a debt management policy prior to issuing any debt, including a general obligation bond. For sample policy language fulfilling this mandate, see BP 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management.

For bonds requiring a 55 percent majority, Education Code 15268 and 15270 set limits as to the maximum amount of the bond and the tax rate that may be levied as a result of the bond. Limitations for bonds requiring a 66.67 percent majority are detailed in Education Code 15102-15109.

The Board's decision to order a bond election, as well as its determinations regarding the appropriate amount, timing, and structure of the bond issuance, shall be consistent with law and the district's debt management policy.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 15100, as amended by AB 2116 (Ch. 129, Statutes of 2016), the following requirement applies to bond elections ordered by the Board regardless of whether the Board is seeking the 66.67 percent or 55 percent approval threshold.

Before ordering a bond election, the Board shall obtain reasonable and informed projections of assessed valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the county assessor. (Education Code 15100)

When any project to be funded by bonds will require state matching funds for any phase of the project, the ballot materials for the bond measure shall include a statement as specified in Education Code 15122.5, advising voters that, because the project is subject to approval of state matching funds, passage of the bond measure is not a guarantee that the project will be completed. (Education Code 15122.5)

Bonds Requiring 55 Percent Approval by Local Voters

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 15266, upon adoption of the resolution specified below, the district must comply with the accountability provisions required for the 55 percent threshold, even if the bond ultimately passes by a 66.67 percent majority of the voters.

The Board may decide to pursue the authorization and Issuance of bonds, by approval of 55 percent majority of the voters pursuant to Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3) and Article 16, Section 18(b) of the California Constitution. If a two-thirds of the Board agrees to such an election, the Board shall vote to and subject to Education Code 15100, may adopt a resolution to incur bonded indebtedness if approved by a 55 percent majority of the voters and order an election. Pursuant to the California Constitution, Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3) and Article 16, Section 18(b), a bond election authorized pursuant to Education Code 15266 requires the approval of at least a 55 percent majority of the voters voting in the election. (Education Code 15266)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 15266 requires bond elections to be held only during a regularly scheduled local election at which all of the electors (voters) in the district are entitled to vote. Therefore, those school districts whose boundaries encompass more than one city or county or whose board members are elected by trustee area must ensure that the bond election is on a ballot in which all of the electors in the district are entitled to vote, such as a statewide primary, general, or special election.

The bond election may only be ordered at a primary or general election, a statewide special election, or a regularly scheduled local election at which all of the electors of the district are entitled to vote. (Education Code 15266)

Bonded indebtedness incurred by the district <u>pursuant to Education Code 15266</u> shall be used only for the following purposes: (California Constitution Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3) and 1(b)(3)(A))

- 1. The construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities
- 2. The acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities

3. The refunding of any outstanding debt issuance used for the purposes specified in items #1-2 above

The proposition approved by the voters shall include the following accountability requirements: (California Constitution Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3))

 Certification that proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in <u>items tems</u> #1-2 above, and not for any other purposes including teacher and administrative salaries and other school operating expenses

CSBA NOTE: In Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending v. San Diego Unified School District, the court held that new stadium lighting was not specifically authorized by the school bond when the bond language did not include construction of stadium lighting even though the full text of the measure authorized projects to "renovate/replace stadium bleachers" and to "upgrade fields, track, and courts for accessibility compliance" including "other costs incidental to and necessary for completion of the listed projects including ... field lighting." Since bond proceeds may only be spent on school facilities projects listed in the bond project list, aspects of a project other than those that are incidental to and necessary for its completion should be explicitly authorized. Districts with questions about project list language should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

2. A list of specific school facilities projects to be funded and certification that the Board has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing that list

CSBA NOTE: The question of whether er not bond proceeds may be used to pay the costs of the audits required pursuant to items #3-4 below should be referred to the district's CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel. However, anthe Attorney General opinion (opined in 87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 157 (2004)) supports) that the use of bond proceeds may be used to pay the salaries of district employees to the extent they perform administrative oversight work on bond projects. According to the opinion, because these audits are expressly required by Proposition 39 and are directly related to the bond projects rather than routine school operations, these project administration costs may be considered as within the purposes specified in California Constitution Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3)(A) and therefore are an appropriate expenditure of bond proceeds.

The performance audit described in item tem tem to many include an evaluation of the planning, financing, and implementation of the overall facilities program.

- 3. A requirement that the Board conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed
- 4. A requirement that the Board conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects

CSBA NOTE: If the district has a general obligation bond approved according to the 55 percent threshold provisions, Education Code 15278 requires that the Board appoint a citizens' oversight committee. See the accompanying administrative regulation for requirements related to the composition and duties of the committee. 527

If a district general obligation bond requiring a 55 percent majority is approved by the voters, the Board shall appoint an independent citizens' oversight committee to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues as specified in Education Code 15278 and the accompanying administrative regulation. This committee shall be appointed within 60 days of the date that the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code 15274. (Education Code 15278)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the annual, independent performance and financial audits required pursuant to <u>itemsItems</u> #3-4 above are issued in accordance with the U.S. Comptroller General's Government Auditing Standards and submitted to the citizens' oversight committee at the same time they are submitted to <u>him/herthe Superintendent or designee</u> and no later than March 31 of each year. (Education Code 15286)

The Board shall provide the citizens' oversight committee with responses to all findings, recommendations, and concerns addressed in the performance and financial audits within three months of receiving the audits. (Education Code 15280)

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Board may disband the citizens' oversight committee when the committee has completed its review of the final performance and financial audits.

Bonds Requiring 66.67 Percent Approval by Local Voters

The Board may decide to pursue the authorization and issuance of bonds by approval of 66.67 percent majority of the voters pursuant to Education Code 15100 and <u>California Constitution</u>. Article 13A, Section 1(b)(2) of the California Constitution. <u>L.</u> If a majority of the Board agrees to such an election, or upon a petition of the majority of the qualified electors residing in the district, the Board shall adopt a resolution ordering an election on the question of whether to incur bonded indebtedness if approved by a 66.67 percent majority of the voters. (Education Code 15100)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 15101, an election for a bond measure that requires 66.67 percent approval may be held only on specified days. Districts using this option should coordinate efforts with their local elections officials to ensure compliance with law.

The bond election may be ordered to occur on any Tucsday, except a Tucsday that is a state holiday or the day before or after a state holiday, is within 45 days before or after a statewide election unless conducted at the same time as the statewide election, or is an established election date pursuant to Elections Code 1000 or 1500. (Education Code 15101)

CSBA NOTE: Items #1-10 below reflect the purposes for which funds generated from a general obligation bond authorized with 66.67 percent voter approval may be used, pursuant to Education Code 15100. Some of these purposes may be inconsistent with Article 13A, Section 1 of the California Constitution, which permits a district to raise funds in this manner only for the acquisition or improvement of real property. Districts should consult with CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel when determining whether to order a bond election for any of the purposes specified in Education Code 15100. The district may revise the following list to reflect the specific purposes authorized by the Board.

Subject to limits specified in Article 13A, Section 1 of the California Constitution, bonds shall be sold to raise money for any of the following purposes: (Education Code 15100)

1. Purchasing school lots

- 2. Building or purchasing school buildings
- 3. Making alterations or additions to school building(s) other than as may be necessary for current maintenance, operation, or repairs
- 4. Repairing, restoring, or rebuilding any school building damaged, injured, or destroyed by fire or other public calamity
- 5. Supplying school buildings and grounds with furniture, equipment, or necessary apparatus of a permanent nature
- 6. Permanently improving school grounds
- 7. Refunding any outstanding valid indebtedness of the district, evidenced by bonds or state school building aid loans
- 8. Carrying out sewer or drain projects or purposes authorized in Education Code 17577
- 9. Purchasing school buses with a useful life of at least 20 years
- 10. Demolishing or razing any school building with the intent to replace it with another school building, whether in the same location or in any other location

Except for refunding any outstanding indebtedness, any of the purposes listed above may be united and voted upon as a single proposition by an order of the Board entered into the minutes. (Education Code 15100)

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. Although Education Code 15278 requires that the Board appoint a citizens' oversight committee if the district has a general obligation bond approved according to the 55percent threshold provisions, districts that have had approval of a bond with 66.67 percent majority vote are not required by law to appoint a citizens' oversight committee. However, such districts may, at their discretion, form an oversight committee under requirements and guidelines adopted by the Board.

The Board may appoint a citizens' oversight committee to review and report to the Board and the public as to whether the expenditure of bond revenues complies with the intended purposes of the bond.

Certificate of Results

CSBA NOTE: The following section applies to bond elections requiring either a 55 percent or 66.67 percent approval by local voters. Pursuant to Elections Code 15372, following a bond election, the county elections official must submit a certificate of the election results to the Board, which then must provide certification to the County Board of Supervisors, as specified below.

If the certificate of election results received by the Board shows that the appropriate majority of the voters is in favor of issuing the bonds, the Board shall record that fact in its minutes. The Board

shall then certify to the County Board of Supervisors all proceedings it had in connection with the election results. (Education Code 15124, 15274)

Resolutions Regarding Sale of Bonds

CSBA NOTE: The following section applies to bond elections requiring either a 55 percent or 66.67 percent approval by local voters. Pursuant to Education Code 15140, bonds may be offered for sale by either the County Board of Supervisors or the County Superintendent of Schools. However, the County Board of Supervisors may adopt a resolution authorizing a district to sell bonds on its own behalf when the district has not received a qualified or negative certification in its most recent interim financial report; see BP/AR 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability.

In addition to districts' authority to issue bonds pursuant to Education Code 15100-15254, Government Code 53506-53509.5 provide an alternative method. However, any district that intends to issue bonds using this alternative method is subject to stricter requirements pursuant to Government Code 53508.5.

Pursuant to Education Code 15100.3 and 15267, two or more small school districts with average daily attendance of 2,500 or less that have voter-approved authority to issue bonds, may form a joint powers authority, in accordance with Government Code 6500 - 6539.9, for the purpose of issuing or selling bonds for raising money for the purposes authorized.

Districts using the these alternative methods may need to further modify this policy and accompanying administrative regulation and should consult with <u>CSBA's District and County Office</u> of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel as necessary.

Regardless of the method used to issue bonds, pursuant to Education Code 15144.1 and 15144.2, the district's total debt service to principal ratio must not exceed four to one and, if the bond allows for the compounding of interest, such as a capital appreciation bond (CAB), and matures more than 10 years after its issuance date, the bond must be redeemable by the district no later than 10 years from issuance. Pursuant to Government Code 53508.6, a current interest bond (CIB) may have a maturity of up to 40 years provided that the district complies with the disclosure requirements specified in Education Code 15146 and makes a finding that the useful life of the facility to be financed with the bonds is at least equal to the maturity date of the bonds.

Following passage of the bond measure by the appropriate majority of voters, the Board shall pass a resolution directing the issuance and sale of bonds. In accordance with law, the resolution shall prescribe the total amount of bonds to be sold and may also prescribe the maximum acceptable interest rate, not to exceed eight percent, and the time(s) when the whole or any part of the principal of the bonds shall be payable. (Education Code 15140; Government Code 53508.6)

CSBA NOTE: To ensure prudence in the expenditure of district resources, the Board should carefully consider all available funding instruments, such as CIBs, CABs, and convertible capital appreciation bonds, the manner in which the bonds will be sold, and other related issues as specified in Education Code 15146. Districts considering the method of bond sale and kinds of bonds to sell are encouraged to review CSBA's Governance Brief, "Bond Sales - Questions and Considerations for Districts," and establish a bond financing team including a municipal advisor and bond counsel.

In passing the resolution, the Board shall consider each available funding instrument, including, but not limited to, the costs associated with each and their relative suitability for the project to be financed.

Prior to the sale of bonds, the Board shall place an agenda item at a public meeting and adopt as part of the bond issuance resolution, or in a separate resolution, disclosures of the available funding instruments, the costs and sustainability of each, and all of the following information: (Education Code 15146; Government Code 53508.9)

- Express approval of the method of sale (i.e., such as competitive, or negotiated, or hybrid) sales
- 2. Statement of the reasons for the method of sale selected
- 3. Disclosure of the identity of the bond counsel, and the identities of the bond underwriter and the financial adviser if either or both are utilized for the sale, unless these individuals have not been selected at the time the resolution is adopted, in which case the Board shall disclose their identities at the public meeting occurring after they have been selected
- 4. Estimates of the costs associated with the bond issuance, including, but not limited to, bond counsel and financial advisor fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, underwriting fees, and other miscellaneous costs and expenses of issuing the bonds

When the sale involves bonds that allow for the compounding of interest, such as a capital appreciation bond (CAB), the resolution to be adopted by the Board shall include items #1-4 above as well as the financing term and time of maturity, repayment ratio, and the estimated change in the assessed value of taxable property within the district over the term of the bonds. The resolution shall be publicly noticed on at least two consecutive meeting agendas, first as an information item and second as an action item. The agendas shall identify that bonds that allow for the compounding of interest are proposed. (Education Code 15146)

Prior to adopting a resolution for the sale of bonds that allow for the compounding of interest, the Board shall be presented with the following: (Education Code 15146)

- An analysis containing the total overall cost of the bonds that allow for the compounding of interest
- 2. A comparison to the overall cost of current interest bonds
- 3. The reason bonds that allow for the compounding of interest are being recommended
- 4. A copy of the disclosure made by the underwriter in compliance with Rule G-17 adopted by the federal Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 8855 requires that the district report any proposed issuance of debt to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) at least 30 days prior to the sale of the debt issue. Typically, bond counsel will file the report on behalf of the district. As amended by SB 1029 (Ch. 307, Statutes of 2016), Government Code 8855 requires that the report include a certification that the district has adopted a debt management policy and that the issuance is consistent with that policy. Pursuant to Government Code 8855, the district must also

annually submit, on or before January 31, a report to the CDIAC regarding all outstanding debt and the use of the proceeds of the issued debt. See BP 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management.

At least 30 days prior to the sale of any debt issue, the Superintendent or designee shall submit a report of the proposed issuance to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC). (Government Code 8855)

After the sale, the Board shall be presented with the actual issuance cost information and shall disclose that information at the Board's next scheduled meeting. The Board shall ensure that an itemized summary of the costs of the bond sale and all necessary information and reports regarding the sale are submitted to the CDAIC. (Education Code 15146; Government Code 53509.5)

Bond Anticipation Notes

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 15150, the district is authorized to issue a bond anticipation note when the Board determines by resolution that it is in the best interest of the district to finance a facilities project on an interim basis in anticipation of the sale of bonds that has been approved by voters. The note may only be issued in accordance with law and subject to terms and conditions prescribed by the Board.

Whenever the Board determines that it is in the best interest of the district, it may, by resolution, issue a bond anticipation note, on a negotiated or competitive-bid basis, to raise funds that shall be used only for a purpose authorized by a bond that has been approved by the voters of the district in accordance with law. (Education Code 15150)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 15150 clarifies that interest on a bond anticipation note may be paid at maturity from the proceeds of the sale of the bond in anticipation of which it was issued or paid periodically from a property tax levied for that purpose if certain conditions are satisfied.

Payment of principal and interest on any bond anticipation note shall be made at note maturity, not to exceed five years, from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bond in anticipation of which that note was originally issued or from any other source lawfully available for that purpose, including state grants. Interest payments may also be made from such sources. However, interest payments may be made periodically and prior to note maturity from an increased property tax if the following conditions are met: (Education Code 15150)

- 1. A resolution of the Board authorizes the property tax for that purpose.
- 2. The principal amount of the bond anticipation note does not exceed the remaining principal amount of the authorized but unissued bonds.

A bond anticipation note may be issued only if the tax rate levied to pay interest on the note would not cause the district to exceed the tax rate limitation set forth in Education Code 15268 or 15270, as applicable.

Deposit of Bond Proceeds

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 15146, the proceeds of the sale of bonds, exclusive of any premium received, must be deposited in the county treasury to the credit of the building fund of the district. As amended by AB 2738 (Ch. 472, Statutes of 2016), Education Code 15146 prohibits districts from withdrawing proceeds from the sale of bonds at any time for purposes of making investments outside the county treasury.

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With regard to general obligation bonds, the district shall invest new money bond proceeds in the county treasury pool as required by law. (Education Code 15146)

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Election Notice

CSBA NOTE: Notice and ballot requirements for bond elections are specified in Education Code 15120-15126. Additional requirements for bond measures with a 55 percent (Proposition 39) threshold are contained in Education Code 15272. <u>Due to the complexity of bond elections</u>, districts are advised to consult with CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

Whenever the Governing Board orders an election on the question of whether general obligation bonds shall be issued to pay for school facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that election notice and ballot requirements comply with Education Code 15120-15126 and 15272, as applicable, and the section "Ballot Materials" below.

CSBA NOTE: Since certain election officials may require delivery of the bond measure more than 88 days prior to the date of the election, districts should check with their county election officials for when the documents specified below should be delivered to the officer conducting the election.

At least 88 days prior to the date of the election, the Superintendent or designee shall deliver to the officer conducting the election the resolution calling the election, including the date and purpose of the election, the authority for ordering the election and the specification of the election order, the signature of the officer or the clerk of the Board authorized to make such designations, and all other applicable ballot materials. (Education Code 5322)

Ballot Materials

The ballot question to appear on the ballot shall not exceed 75 words and shall appear in the form specified in Elections Code 13119. (Education Code 5322)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the ballot materials comply with applicable laws including a brief statement of the measure setting forth the amount of the bonds to be voted upon, the maximum rate of interest, and the purposes for which the proceeds of the sale of the bonds are to be used. (Education Code 15122)

In addition to the 75 word ballot question, a separate statement shall be included with the sample ballot, which includes the best estimate from official sources of all of the following: (Elections Code 9401)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Elections Code 9401, as amended by SB 798 (Ch. 720, Statutes of 2023), "tax rate" means tax rate per \$100,000 of assessed valuation on all property to be taxed to fund a bond issue.

1. The average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors

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The estimate shall also identify the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected.

- 2. The highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors
- The total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold

The estimate may include information about the assumptions used to determine the estimate.

For bond measures requiring 55 percent majority of the voters, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the text of the ballot measure includes a statement that the Board will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and that annual independent audits will be conducted to assure that funds are spent only on school and classroom improvements and for no other purposes. (Education Code 15272)

For bond funded projects that require state matching funds, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure the sample ballot contains a statement advising the voters that the project is subject to the approval of state matching funds and, therefore, passage of the bond measure is not a guarantee that the project will be completed. (Education Code 15122.5)

CSBA NOTE: Elections Code 9170 requires the ballot label or similar description of a school district measure on a county ballot to list, either as a supporter or an opponent of the measure, the associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals, including current or former elected officials such as board members, who have signed the ballot argument or are listed in the text of the argument for or against the measure, unless the county board of supervisors elects not to list such supporters and opponents. For more information see BP 1160 – Political Processes.

Arguments in support or in opposition of the bond measure shall be submitted in accordance with Elections Code 9160-9170.

Citizens' Oversight Committee

CSBA NOTE: The following optional section is for use by districts that have appointed an independent citizens' oversight committee, as required by Education Code 15278 for districts that have had a general obligation bond approved under the 55 percent threshold. The section may also be adapted for use by districts that have had approval of a bond with 66.67 percent majority vote that choose to appoint an oversight committee at their discretion; see the accompanying Board policy.

If a bond is approved under the 55 percent majority threshold pursuant to Proposition 39 (to the <u>California Constitution</u>, Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3) and Article 16, Section 18(b) of the California Constitution, then the district's citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 15282)

- 1. One member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the district
- 2. One member active in a senior citizenscitizens' organization
- 3. One member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization
- 4. One member who is a parent/guardian of a district student
- 5. One member who is a parent/guardian of a district student and is active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the Parent Teacher Association or school site council

Members of the citizens' oversight committee shall be subject to the conflict of interest prohibitions regarding incompatibility of office pursuant to Government Code 1125-1129 and financial interest in contracts pursuant to Government Code 1090-1099. (Education Code 15282)

No employee, Board member, vendor, contractor, or consultant of the district shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee. (Education Code 15282)

Members of the citizens' oversight committee may serve for no more than three consecutive terms of two years each. They shall serve without compensation. (Education Code 15282)

The purpose of the citizens' oversight committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. The committee shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction and shall convene to provide oversight for, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 15278)

- Ensuring that bond revenues are expended only for the purposes described in <u>California Constitution</u>. Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3) of the <u>California Constitution</u>, including the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities
- 2. Ensuring that, as prohibited by <u>California Constitution</u>, Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3)(A) of the <u>California Constitution</u>, no funds are used for any teacher and administrative salaries or other school operating expenses

In furtherance of its purpose, the committee may engage in any of the following activities: (Education Code 15278)

- Receiving and reviewing copies of the annual, independent performance and financial audits required by <u>California Constitution</u>. Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) and (D) of the <u>California</u> <u>Constitution</u>
- 2. Inspecting school facilities and grounds to ensure that bond revenues are expended in compliance with the requirements of <u>California Constitution</u>, Article 13(A), Section 1(b)(3) of the <u>California Constitution</u>

- 3. Receiving and reviewing copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by the district
- 4. Reviewing efforts by the district to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of professional fees
 - b. Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of site preparation
 - Recommendations regarding the joint use of core facilities
 - d. Mechanisms designed to reduce costs by incorporating efficiencies in school site design
 - e. Recommendations regarding the use of cost-effective and efficient reusable facility plans

The district shall, without expending bond funds, provide the citizens' oversight committee with any necessary technical assistance and shall provide administrative assistance in furtherance of the committee's purpose and sufficient resources to publicize the committee's conclusions. The district shall also provide the citizens' oversight committee with responses to any and all findings, recommendations, and concerns addressed in the annual independent financial and performance audits within three months of receiving the audits. (Education Code 15280)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 54952, the Brown Act open meeting laws (the Brown Act) apply to any commission, committee, board, or other body created by formal action of the Governing Board, regardless of whether that body is permanent or temporary, decision-making or advisory.

All citizens' oversight committee proceedings shall be open to the public and noticed in the same manner as proceedings of the Board. Committee meetings shall be subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Education Code 15280; Government Code 54952)

The citizens' oversight committee shall issue regular reports, at least once a year, on the results of its activities. Minutes of the proceedings and all documents received and reports issued shall be a matter of public record and shall be made available on the district's web sitewebsite. (Education Code 15280)

Reports

CSBA NOTE: The following section applies to all bond elections.

Within 30 days after the end of each fiscal year, the district shall submit to the County Superintendent of Schools a report concerning any bond election(s) containing the following information: (Education Code 15111)

1. The total amount of the bond issue, bonded indebtedness, or other indebtedness involved

- 2. The percentage of registered electors who voted at the election
- 3. The results of the election, with the percentage of votes cast for and against the proposition

By each January 31 following a bond issuance, the district shall submit an annual report to the California Debt Investment and Advisory Commission in accordance with Government Code 8855 and as specified in BP 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management.

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CSBA NOTE: The following bylaw is optional. CSBA NOTE: The following bylaw is optional and should be revised to reflect district practice. While many district elections are governed by state law, some district elections are governed by the applicable city or county charter, or both. This bylaw is written based on state law but should be modified to the extent a city or county charter applies.

The filling of elective offices involves serious issues of constitutional and statutory concerns. Any district with questions related to local elections should consult CSBACSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

Board Member Qualifications

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 35107 and Elections Code 20 detail details eligibility for Governing Board membership as specified below. In 81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 98 (1998), including the Attorney General opined that the residency requirement in Education Code 35107 is a continuing requirement for holding the office during the entire term of the Board member.

A person who is notto be registered to vote is ineligible to hold public office. Elections Code 2201 lists the causes for cancelling an individual's voter registration and making that person ineligible to hold public office, including, but not limited to, legally established mental incompetency, proof that the person is presently imprisoned or on parole for conviction of a felony, or official notification that the voter is registered to vote in another country or state.

Additionally, pursuant to certain provisions of the California Constitution and various state laws, the conviction of certain offenses makes a person ineligible to be a Board member, except when the person has been granted a pardon in accordance with law. For example, Article VII, Section 8 of the California Constitution prohibits anyone from holding public office if convicted of giving or offering a bribe to procure personal election or appointment. See the accompanying exhibit for a non-exhaustive list of such offenses.

Any person is eligible to be a member of the Governing Board, without further qualifications, if the person is: 18 years of age or older; a citizen of California; a resident of the school district or, if applicable, the trustee area; a registered voter; and not legally disqualified from holding civil office.

Any (Education Code 35107)

A person who hasis not eligible to be a member of the Board if they have been convicted of a felony involving the giving, accepting, or offering of a bribe, embezzlement or theft of public funds, extortion, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any such crime, under California an offense(s) as

specified in law of and the law of another state, the United States of America, or another country, is not eligible to be a candidate for office or elected as a Board memberaccompanying Exhibit, except when the person has been granted a pardon in accordance with law. (Education Code 35107; Elections A district employee duly elected to the Board shall resign from district employment, or shall otherwise cease being a district employee, before being sworn in. If a district employee duly elected to the Board is sworn in and remains a district employee, then the employment shall automatically terminate upon being sworn into office. (Education Code 2035107)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 35107, a district employee elected to serve on the district Board must resign from the employment before being sworn into office as a Board member.

Pursuant to Education Code 1006, employees of a school district are eligible to run for the county board of education seat as long as their school district employer is not within the jurisdiction of the county board. CSBA NOTE: See CSBA's website for information about governing board services that may be shared with candidates.

A district employee elected to the Board shall resign from district employment before being sworn in or shall have the employment automatically terminated upon being sworn into office. (Education Code 35107)

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. See CSBA's web site for information about school board service that may be shared with candidates.

The Board encourages all candidates to become knowledgeable about the role of board members. The Superintendent or designee shall provide all candidates Board candidate, upon request by the candidate, with information that will enable them to understand the responsibilities and expectations of being a Board member, including information regarding available workshops, seminars, and/or training. The Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall provide all candidates with Board candidate, upon request by the candidate, the county election official's contact information and general information about school programs, district operations, and Board responsibilities.

Recalling a Board Member

CSBA NOTE: The following section is optional. Government Code 1770 lists events that may create a vacancy in an elective office, including removal from office, while Elections Code 11000 provides for recall as the means for effecting such removal of a Board member. Pursuant to Elections Code 11006, recall proceedings may be initiated by the service, filing, and publication or posting of a notice of intention to circulate a recall petition by proponents who must be registered voters of the board member's electoral jurisdiction. Elections Code 11020, as amended by AB 2584 (Ch. 792, Statutes of 2022), specifies the number of proponents that must be listed on the notice, depending on the number of registered voters in the electoral jurisdiction involved.

A Board member may be recalled as permitted by Elections Code 11000. Proponents of a recall are required to 11386. To commence a recall of a Board member, proponents shall serve, file, and publish or post a notice of intention to circulate the recall petition as specified by law and to comply

with otherany applicable law and formalities and county elections official directives.

The Additionally, the recall petition, pursuant to Elections Code 11041, is required to shall be in the format provided by the Secretary of State and to include, among other things, an estimate of the cost of conducting the special election, as determined by the county elections official, in consultation with the district.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Elections Code 11242, as amended by AB 2584 (Ch. 792, Statutes of 2022),11240, within 14 days after the regular Board orders an election, meeting at which the Board received a certificate of sufficiency to recall a Board member, the Board is required to order a recall election and set a date for the recall election must be held within the period specified in the following paragraph, unless an extension beyond accordance with law. Pursuant to Elections Code 11241, if the specified period is necessary in order to consolidate Board fails to do so, the elections official of the county is required to set the date for the recall election with a regularly scheduled election within five days after the expiration of the 14-day window.

Within 14 days after the <u>regular</u> meeting at which the Board receives a certificate of sufficiency of signatures on a recall petition from <u>thea</u> county elections official, the Board shall order an election to be held to determine whether the Board member named in the petition shall be recalled. The election shall be held not less than 88, nor more than 125, days after the date that the Board orders the election. However, the election may be conducted within 180 days after the issuance of the Board's order to consolidate the election with a regularly scheduled election. (Elections Code 11240-11242)

Recall elections A recall election of a Board member shall be conducted in accordance with Elections Code 11381-11386.

If a recall of a Board member is successful, that Board member's seat becomes vacant and shall be filled in accordance with Education Code 5090-95 and Board Bylaw 9223 - Filling Vacancies.

Consolidation of Elections

CSBA NOTE: The following optional section is for districts that currently hold their Board elections at a time that is not concurrent with municipal or statewide elections.

In general, Education Code 5000 and Elections Code 1302 require the regular election of Board members to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year. However, in accordance with Elections Code 1302 and 10404.5, districts are authorized to request consolidation of their Board elections with the local municipal or state primary or general election by adopting a Board resolution and submitting it to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. Within 30 days following approval by the County Board of Supervisors, the elections official will notify all registered voters in the district of the change of election date. Most districts choose to consolidate their Board elections with the local municipal or state primary or general election.

Pursuant to Elections Code 14051-14052, districts are required to hold elections concurrent with

statewide elections if holding nonconcurrent elections has previously resulted in a "significant decrease" in voter turnout, as defined. Districts consolidating their elections due to low voter turnout should follow the procedures specified in Elections Code 1302, including the adoption of a Board resolution. For further analysis, see CSBA's, "Legal Alert on the Impact of Senate Bill No. 415 on School Board Elections."

To reduce costs associated with conducting elections, the The Board may consolidate Board elections with the local municipal or statewide primary or general election in accordance with Elections Code 1302.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Elections Code 14051-14052, districts are required to hold elections concurrent with statewide elections if holding nonconcurrent elections has previously resulted in a "significant decrease" in voter turnout. Pursuant to Elections Code 14051, a significant decrease has occurred when voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election held on a nonconcurrent date is at least 25 percent less than the average local turnout for the previous four statewide general elections. For further analysis, see CSBA's, "Legal Alert on the Impact of Senate Bill No. 415 on School Board Elections."

Districts consolidating their elections due to low voter turnout should follow the procedures specified in Elections Code 1302, including the adoption of a Board resolution.

In addition Additionally, if a regularly scheduled Board election held other than on a statewide election date results in a decrease in local voter turnout of 25 percent or more compared to the average local turnout for the previous four statewide general elections, the Board shall take action to consolidate Board elections with statewide elections. { in accordance with Elections Code 14051, -14052}.

In order to consolidate elections based on either circumstance described above, the Board shall adopt a resolution and submit it to the County Board of Supervisors for approval not later than 240 days prior to the date of the currently scheduled district election. (Elections Code 10404.5)

Whenever a regularly scheduled Board election is changed due to consolidation of elections, the terms of office of incumbent Board members shall be extended to align with the next applicable election. (Elections Code 10404.5)

Elections Process and Procedures

CSBA NOTE: Any district that selects Option 2 or 3 should ensure that its decision is consistent with Elections Code 14025-14032 (the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)), which prohibits the use of the "at-large" voting method for elections within jurisdictions with a history of "racially polarized voting" (i.e., difference between voters of a protected class and voters in the rest of the jurisdiction in the choice of candidates preferred). CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Election Code 15400, after each election, the Board is required to declare who has been elected to the Board.

For each election, upon certification by the County Board of Supervisors, the Board shall declare who has been elected to the Board in accordance with law. (Election Code 15400)

A Board member whose term has expired shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until a

CSBA NOTE: Any district with questions regarding the election process and procedures, particularly the California Voting Rights Act (Elections Code 14025-14032) should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

OPTION 1: (Election by trustee area)

The district is divided into trustee areas and each <u>Each Board member shall reside in the</u> trustee area <u>they represent and</u> shall be represented by a Board member who resides in and is elected by voters residing within that trustee area. Trustee areas shall be balanced by population as required by state and federal law.

Prior to March 1 following the year in which the results of

CSBA NOTE: Elections Code 21100-21180, as added by AB 764 (Ch. 343, Statutes of 2023), create the Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act of 2023 which establishes a comprehensive set of rules that local governments must follow during the redistricting process.

<u>Following</u> each decennial federal census are released, the Board shall adjust the boundaries of the district's trustee areas based on population figures as validated by the Population Research Unit of the Department of Finance in accordance with Elections Code 21100-21180. (Education Code 5019.5)

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

CSBA NOTE: Any district that selects Option 2 or 3 should ensure that its decision is consistent with Elections Code 14025-14032 (the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)) which prohibits the use of the "_at-large"_voting method for elections within jurisdictions with a history of "_racially polarized voting"_(i.e., difference between voters of a protected class and voters in the rest of the jurisdiction in the choice of candidates preferred).

OPTION 2: (Election using "fat-large" voting method)

Board members may reside anywhere within the <u>district's district's</u> boundaries and shall be elected by all voters in the district.

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

CSBA NOTE: In addition to the methods described in Option 1 and Option 2, a district may use a "hybrid" method, which requires each Board member to reside within the trustee area that the Board member represents but be elected by all voters in the district. The extent, if any, to which a district using the "from trustee area/this "hybrid" method (Option 3) is required to balance its trustee areas by population is unclear; see Dusch v. Davis.

OPTION 3: (Election from trustee area/using hybrid method)

Each Board member shall reside within the trustee area that the Board member represents but shall be elected by all voters in the district. <u>Trustee areas shall be balanced by population as required by state and federal law.</u>

CSBA NOTE: Elections Code 21100-21180, as added by AB 764, create the FAIR MAPS Act of 2023 which establishes a comprehensive set of rules that local governments must follow during the redistricting process.

Following each decennial federal census the Board shall adjust the boundaries of the district's trustee areas in accordance with Elections Code 21100-21180. (Education Code 5019.5)

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CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is for districts using Option 2 or 3 and may be revised to reflect district practice. Such districts should periodically monitor the demographics within their geographical boundaries to ensure that no violation of the CVRA occurs. Any district found in violation of the CVRA could be held liable for attorneys' fees and legal costs. Elections Code 10010 requires that a prospective plaintiff send written notice to the district prior to filing a complaint alleging that the method of election violates the CVRA so that the district will have the chance to cure any potential violations before the commencement of litigation. Even if the district cures the alleged violations, it may be required to pay reasonable costs incurred in supporting the written notice.

To ensure ongoing compliance with the California Voting Rights Acts, the Board may review the district's Board election method to determine whether any modification is necessary due to changes in the district's population or any of its racial, color, or language minority group composition. The review shall be based on the Superintendent or designee's report to the Board after the release of each decennial federal census.

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. Districts using Option 2 or 3 should periodically monitor the demographics within their geographical boundaries to ensure that no violation of the CVRA occurs. Any district found in violation of the CVRA could be held liable for attorneys' fees and legal costs. Elections Code 10010 requires that a prospective plaintiff send written notice to the district prior to filing a complaint alleging that the method of election violates the CVRA so that the district will have the chance to cure any potential violations before the commencement of litigation. Even if the district cures the alleged violations, it may be required to pay reasonable costs incurred in supporting the written notice. CSBA NOTE: Converting from an "at-large" (Option 2) to a "by trustee area" (Option 1) voting method involves complex issues of law regarding matters such as the redrawing of maps, required approvals, and transition dates. Elections Code 10010 requires the Board to hold hearings before and after drawing maps of the proposed district boundaries to allow for public input. If Board members will be elected at different times for staggered terms of office, hearings held after publishing the draft map(s) are required to include an opportunity for public input regarding the proposed sequence of elections.

When The Board may review the district's Board election method to determine whether any modification is to be changed necessary.

CSBA NOTE; Converting from an "at-large" (Option 2) to a "by trustee area" (Option 1) voting method involves complex issues of law regarding matters such as the redrawing of maps, required approvals, and transition dates. Elections Code 10010 and 21100-21150 require the Board to follow procedural requirements and hold hearings before and after drawing maps of the proposed district boundaries to allow for public input. If Board members will be elected at different times for staggered terms of office, hearings held after publishing the draft map(s) are required to include an opportunity for public input regarding the proposed sequence of elections.

If the district seeks to change its election method, the Board shall follow procedural requirements and hold public hearings in accordance with Elections Code 10100 10010 and 21100-21150 before adopting a resolution at an open meeting specifying the change(s), and shall, in accordance with Education Code 5019, and obtain approval from the county committee on school district organization having jurisdiction over the district in accordance with Education Code 5019.

CSBA NOTE: The remainder of this section is for all districts. The Attorney General opined in 105 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 182 (2022) that when the boundaries of a district's district's trustee areas are adjusted or the district changes from "fat-large elections" to "by-trustee area elections; and a vacancy then arises in a seat held by a Board member whose term of office began prior to the change in boundaries or election method, the vacancy should be filled using the boundaries or election method by which the incumbent Board member was elected. Any district that has already adopted a "by-trustee" election method should revise the following paragraph accordingly.

The election method or trustee-area boundaries in effect at the beginning of a Board member's member's term shall be used when any vacancy that occurs during that term is to be filled, even if, during the term, the district has adopted "_by-trustee area" election method or trustee area boundaries have been adjusted.

Campaign Conduct

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5091, as amended by SB 1061 (Ch. 831, Statutes of 2022), any petition for a special election must contain the county elections official's estimate of the cost of conducting the special election, expressed on a per-student basis. CSBA NOTE: Education Code 35177 authorizes boards, by resolution, to limit campaign expenditures and/or contributions for candidates in board elections. Based on the First Amendment, however, courts have imposed constraints on limitations on campaign expenditures and/or contributions limits. It is strongly recommended that, before adopting any campaign expenditures and/or contribution limits, the Board consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel, in order to ensure that the district's limits satisfy legal restrictions.

Any petition for a special election ordered pursuant to Education Code 5091 shall contain the county election official's estimate of the cost of conducting the special election, expressed on a perstudent basis. (Education Code 5091)

Campaign Conduct

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 35177 has long authorized boards, by resolution, to limit campaign expenditures and/or contributions for candidates in board elections. However, in June 2006, the U.S. Supreme Court held in Randall v. Sorrell that limits on campaign expenditures are unconstitutional and violate a candidate's right to free speech. The court did hold that limits on contributions to candidates could be constitutional if such limits are not overly restrictive, allow candidates to compete in the race, and do not operate to protect incumbents. However, because Education Code 35177 provides no mechanism for the district to enforce any contribution limits set by the Board, such limits would be completely voluntary, and other candidates and/or the Board would have no recourse in the event of noncompliance by a candidate. It is strongly recommended that, before adopting voluntary contribution limits under the authority granted in Education Code 35177, the Board consult CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel, in order to ensure that the district's limits satisfy legal restrictions.

All candidates, including current Board members running as incumbents, shall abide by local, county, state, and federal requirements regarding campaign donations contributions, funding, and expenditures.

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. Government Code 85300 generally prohibits the expenditure of public funds for the purpose of seeking elective office. However, Government Code 85300 permits a candidate to expend or accept public funds for the purpose of seeking elective office if the Board establishes a dedicated fund for that purpose, provided that both (1) the public funds are available to all qualified, voluntarily participating candidates for the same office without regard to incumbency or political party preference, and (2) the Board has established criteria for determining a candidate's qualifications. For school board elections, candidate qualifications are specified in state law (see section "_Board Member Qualifications" above), and districts should not establish additional qualification requirements.

A Board member shall not expend, and a candidate shall not accept, any public money for the purpose of seeking elective office. However, the district may establish a dedicated fund for those seeking election to the Board, provided that the funds are available to all candidates who are qualified pursuant to Education Code 35107 without regard to incumbency or political preference. (Government Code 85300)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Elections Code 20440, county election officials are required to present each candidate running for public office with a voluntary Code of Fair Campaign Practices for the candidate to sign. The pledge states the candidate's intent to conduct the campaign openly and fairly and provides that the candidate may not use or permit negative prejudice based on another candidate's race, religion, physical or mental disability, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or any other prohibited category of discrimination listed in Government Code 12940. Although However, neither the district nor opposing candidates have authority to enforce the pledge if it is violated; a candidate's signature is a matter of public record. The following optional paragraph expresses the Board's Board's desire that candidates for Board membership sign and abide by the terms of the pledge.

In order to help protect the <u>public's public's</u> trust in the electoral process as well as the <u>public's public's</u> confidence in the Board and district, the Board encourages all candidates to sign and adhere to the principles in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices pursuant to Elections Code 20440.

Statement of Qualifications

On the 125th day prior to the day fixed for the general district election, the Board secretary or designee shall deliver a notice, bearing the secretary's secretary's signature and district seal, to the county elections official describing both of the following: (Elections Code 10509)

- 1. The elective offices of the district to be filled at the general election and which offices, if any, are for the balance of an unexpired term
- 2. Whether the district or the candidate is to pay for the publication of a statement of qualifications pursuant to Elections Code 13307

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Elections Code 13307, the candidate statement is limited to 200 words (Option 1 below), unless the Board has authorized an increase chooses to authorize a 400-word maximum (Option 2 below).

OPTION 1: (200 Words Limit)

Candidates for the Board may submit a candidate statement to the elections official for inclusion in the <u>voter's voter's pamphlet</u>. Candidate statements shall be limited to no more than 200 words. (Elections Code 13307)

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

OPTION 2: (400 Words Limit)

Candidates for the Board may submit a candidate statement to the elections official for inclusion in the voter's pamphlet. Candidate statements shall be limited to no more than 400 words. (Elections Code 13307)

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph is for use by any district that authorizes electronic distribution of candidate statements in addition to or instead of the mailed voter's pamphlet. CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Elections Code 13307, a voter may receive by mail a voter's pamphlet that contains candidate statements or, when authorized by the elections official, may opt to obtain the voter's pamphlet and related materials electronically (i.e., from the elections official's web site or via email). If a candidate chooses to submit a statement for electronic distribution only, it will not appear in the mailed voter's pamphlet.

When electronic distribution is authorized by the elections official, districts may choose, pursuant to Elections Code 13307, whether to permit Board candidates to prepare a statement for electronic distribution. If a candidate chooses to submit a statement for electronic distribution only, it will not appear in the mailed voter's pamphlet.

The following paragraph, which may be revised to reflect district practice, is for use by any district that authorizes electronic distribution of candidate statements in addition to or instead of the mailed voter's pamphlet.

When the elections official allows for the electronic distribution of candidate statements, a candidate for the Board may, in addition to or instead of submitting a candidate statement for inclusion in the mailed voter's pamphlet, prepare and submit a candidate statement for electronic distribution.

CSBA NOTE: Prior to the beginning of the nominating period, Elections Code 13307 requires the Board to determine whether to have the district assume the costs of producing candidate statements or to charge candidates for the costs, regardless of whether the statements are for hard copy or electronic distribution. In 85 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 49 (2002), the Attorney General opined that Elections Code 13307, which authorizes the district to pay for the distribution of candidate statements for nonpartisan elective offices, does not conflict with Education Code 7054, which prohibits the use of district resources for campaign purposes. According to the Attorney General, distributing campaign statements cannot be considered campaigning for any particular candidate in a partisan manner so as to conflict with the Education Code prohibition.

Option 1 below is for districts that assume the costs associated with producing candidate statements, and Option 2 is for districts that charge candidates for the costs. The following options may be revised to reflect the method of distribution (i.e., electronic and/or hard copy) used by the district.

OPTION 1: (Candidate Statement Paid by District)

The district shall pay the cost of printing, handling, translating, mailing, and/or electronically distributing candidate statements filed pursuant to Elections Code 13307.

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

OPTION 2: (Candidate Statement Paid by Candidate)

The district shall assume no part of the cost of printing, handling, translating, mailing, or electronically distributing candidate statements filed pursuant to Elections Code 13307. As a condition of having candidate statements included in the hard copy and/or electronic voter's pamphlet, the district may require candidates to pay their estimated pro rata share of these costs to the district in advance pursuant to Elections Code 13307.

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

Tie Votes in Board Member Elections

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 5016 requires the Board to decide, before conducting any election, whether a potential tie will be resolved by lot or by a runoff election. Option 1 provides for the use of lots to determine the winner in case of a tie in every election, and Option 2 provides for a runoff election in every election, and Option 3 is for use by districts that will make this determination prior to each election.

Education Code 5016 requires the County Superintendent of Schools to provide certification of a tie vote in an election to the district Board.

OPTION 1: (Tie Decided by Lot)

Whenever a tie makes itthe <u>County Superintendent of Schools certifies to the Board that there is a tie vote such that it is</u> impossible to determine which of two or more candidates has been elected to the Board, the Board shall immediately notify the candidates who received the tie votes of the time and place where the candidates or their representatives should appear before the Board. The Board at that time <u>and place</u> shall determine the winner by lot. (Education Code 5016)

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

OPTION 2: (Tie Decided by Runoff Election)

Whenever a tie makes itthe County Superintendent certifies to the Board that there is a tie vote such that it is impossible to determine which of two or more candidates has been elected to the Board, the Board shall schedule a runoff election in accordance with law. (Education Code 5016)

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

OPTION 3: (Tie Decided Based on Board Determination Prior to Each Election)

Before each election, the Board shall decide whether to resolve a potential tie by lot or by a runoff election. If the Board has decided to resolve a tie by lot, the Board shall, immediately after the election, notify the candidates who received the tie votes of the time and place where the candidates or their representatives should appear before the Board. The Board at that time shall determine the winner by lot. If the Board has decided to resolve a tie with a runoff election, the Board shall schedule the runoff election in accordance with law. (Education Code 5016)

OPTION 3 ENDS HERE

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Exhibit 9220-E(1): Governing Board Elections

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This exhibit is a non-exhaustive list of offenses the conviction of which disqualifies a person from holding public office, including as a Governing Board member of a school district, in the State of California.

- California Constitution, Article VII, Section 8: Giving or offering a bribe to procure personal election or appointment
- California Constitution, Article VII, Section 8: Committing bribery, perjury, forgery, malfeasance in office, or other high crimes
- 3. Penal Code section 67: Giving or offering a bribe to any executive officer in the state to influence any decision made by that officer in their official capacity
- 4. Penal Code section 68: While an executive or ministerial officer, employee, or appointee of the state, a county, a city, or another political subdivision of the state, asking for, receiving, or agreeing to receive any bribe to influence any decision made by that person in their official capacity
- 5. Penal Code section 74: As a public officer, for gratuity or reward, appointing another person to public office, or permitting another person to exercise or discharge the duties of their office
- 6. Penal Code section 88: While a member of the Legislature or of a legislative body of a city, county, city and county, school district, or other special district, committing any of various crimes against the Legislative power, including bribery and logrolling
- Penal Code section 98: While an officer, committing any of various bribery and corruption crimes against the public justice as specified in Penal Code 92-100, including bribing or threatening judges or jurors
- 8. Penal Code section 165: Giving or offering a bribe to a member of a city council or a board of supervisors to influence any decision made by that member in their official capacity
- 9. Penal Code section 424: While an officer of the state or of any county, city, town, or district of the state, or while otherwise charged with the receipt, safekeeping, transfer, or disbursement of public moneys, appropriating such moneys for personal use, or refusing to pay any public moneys as required by law
- 10. Penal Code section 2772: Interfering with the work of prisoners employed at a road camp, or giving or attempting to give such prisoners any controlled substances, intoxicating liquors, firearms, weapons, or explosives of any kind

- 11. Penal Code section 2790: Interrupting the work of prisoners employed at a public park or camp, or giving or attempting to give such prisoners any controlled substances, intoxicating liquors, firearms, weapons, or explosives of any kind
- 12. Government Code section 1021: Committing designated crimes as specified in the California Constitution or state law
- 13. Government Code section 1097: While a public official, being financially interested in a contract made in their official capacity, or by any body or board of which he or she is a member, or aiding or abetting a public official in committing such a violation
- 14. Government Code section 9055: While a member of the Legislature or of a legislative body of a city, county, city and county, school district, or other special district, committing any of various crimes against the Legislative power, including bribery and logrolling
- 15. Government Code section 9412: While a member of the Legislature, refusing to appear before the Senate, Assembly, or any committee of the Legislature after being summoned to testify, or while appearing before the Senate, Assembly, or any committee, refusing to be sworn or to answer any material and proper question, or refusing to produce, upon reasonable notice, any material and proper books, papers, or documents in their possession and under their control
- 16. Elections Code section 20: Committing a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes
- 17. Elections Code section 18501: While a public official, aiding the illegal casting of a vote at an election or otherwise facilitating the perpetration of election fraud

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Events Causing a Vacancy

A vacancy on the Governing Board may arise from any of the following events:

- 1. The death of an incumbent (Government Code 1770)
- 2. The adjudication pursuant to a quo warranto proceeding declaring that an incumbent is physically or mentally incapacitated due to disease, illness, or accident and that there is reasonable cause to believe that the incumbent will not be able to perform the duties of the office for the remainder of the term (Government Code 1770)
- 3. A Board member's resignation (Government Code 1770)

A vacancy resulting from resignation occurs when the written resignation is filed with the County Superintendent of Schools having jurisdiction over the district, except where a deferred effective date is specified in the resignation so filed, in which case the resignation shall become operative on that date. A Board member may not defer an effective date of resignation for more than 60 days after the date the resignation is filed with the County Superintendent. Upon being filed with the County Superintendent, a written resignation, whether specifying a deferred effective date or otherwise, shall be irrevocable. (Education Code 5090, 5091)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5090, a vacancy resulting from a resignation occurs when the written resignation is filed with the County Superintendent of Schools having jurisdiction over the district, except where a deferred effective date is specified in the resignation so filed, in which case the resignation shall become operative on that date. Upon being filed with the County Superintendent, a written resignation, whether specifying a deferred effective date or otherwise, shall be irrevocable. Pursuant to Education Code 5091, a Board member may not defer an effective date of resignation for more than 60 days after the date the resignation is filed with the County Superintendent.

- 3. A Board member's resignation in accordance with Board Bylaw 9222 Resignation (Government Code 1770)
- 4. A Board member's removal from office by recall (Elections Code 11000<u>-11386</u>; Government Code 1770)
- 5. A Board member's ceasing to be a resident of the district (Government Code 1770)

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is for use by districts that have established trustee areas. In 105 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen 182 (2022), the Attorney General has opined that when the boundaries of a district's trustee areas are adjusted or the district changes from "at-large elections" to "by-trustee area elections," and a vacancy then arises in a seat held by a Board member whose term of office began prior to the change in boundaries or election method, the vacancy should be filled using the boundaries or election method by which the incumbent Board member was elected. See BB 9220 - Governing Board Elections.

- A Board member ceases member's ceasing to inhabit the trustee area represented on by the Board (58 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 888 (1975)) member (Government Code 1770)
- 7. A Board member's absence from the state for more than 60 days, except in the following situations: (Government Code 1064, 1770)
 - a. Upon district business with the approval of the Board
 - b. With the consent of the Board for an additional period not to exceed a total absence of 90 days
 - e.b.In or, in the case of illness or other urgent necessity, and upon a proper showing thereof, the time limited for absence from the state may be extended by the Boardmore than 90 days
 - d.c.For federal military deployment, not to exceed an absence of a total of six months, as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the California National Guard

If the absence of the Board member for this purpose exceeds six months, the Board may approve an additional six-month absence upon a showing that there is a reasonable expectation that the member will return within the second six-month period, and the Board may appoint an interim member to serve during the absence. If two or more Board members of the Board are absent by reason of these circumstances, and those absences result in the inability to establish a quorum at a regular meeting, the Board may immediately appoint one or more interim members as necessary to enable the Board to conduct business and discharge its responsibilities. The term of an interim member appointed in these circumstances shall not extend beyond the return of the absent Board member or beyond the next regularly scheduled election for that office, whichever occurs first.

8. A Board member's ceasing to discharge the duties of the office for the period of three consecutive months, except when prevented by illness sickness or when absent from the state with the permission required by law (Government Code 1770)

CSBA NOTE: Board members forfeit office and, in some cases, are disqualified from holding public office upon conviction of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and various other state laws. Examples of crimes that result in forfeiture of office include, but are not limited to, convictions for felonies, offenses that involve a violation of official duties, bribery, selling appointments, intoxication in the discharge of official duties, misuse of public funds, conflict of interest violations, and a false claim of receipt of any military decoration or medal.

- A Board member's conviction of a felony or any offense involving a violation of official duties or conviction of a designated crime resulting in a forfeiture of office (Government Code 1770, 3000-3003)
- 10. A Board member's refusal or neglect to file the required oath within the time prescribed (Government Code 1770)
- 11. The decision of a competent tribunal declaring void a Board member's election or appointment (Government Code 1770)
- 12. A Board member's commitment to a hospital or sanitarium as a drug addict, dipsomaniac, inebriate, or stimulant addict by a court of competent jurisdiction, in which case the office shall not be deemed vacant until the order of commitment has become final (Government Code 1770)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5090, a vacancy is declared when there has been a "failure to elect," meaning that the County Registrar of Voters has determined that an election will not be held because either no candidate or an insufficient number of candidates have filed to run for a Board seat(s). Education Code 5328 authorizes the Board to make an appointment in such circumstances.

13. A "failure to elect" in which no candidate or an insufficient number of candidates have filed to run for a Board seat(s) (Education Code 5090, 5326, 5328)

Timelines for Filling a Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs, the Board shall take the following action, as appropriate:

1. When a vacancy occurs within four months of the end of a Board member's term, the Board shall take no action. (Education Code 5093)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5091, when a vacancy occurs or when a deferred resignation has been filed four or more months before the end of a Board member's term, the Board shall take action, as specified below. In the event that the Board fails to make a provisional appointment or order an election within 60 days, the County Superintendent of Schools must call an election to fill the vacancy.

2. When a vacancy occurs from between six months to and 130 days before a regularly scheduled Board election at which the vacant position is not scheduled to be filled, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election to fill the position shall be consolidated with the regular election. The person so elected shall take office at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting following the certification of the election and shall serve only until the end of the term of the position which the person was elected to fill. (Education Code 5093)

When a vacancy occurs outside of the statutory time windows identified in Items #1 and #2 above, the Board shall, within 60 days of the date of the vacancy or the filing of the member's deferred resignation, either order an election or make a provisional appointment.

Eligibility

CSBA NOTE: Persons applying or nominated for a Board position must meet the legal qualifications for Board members as detailed in Education Code 35107. Education Code 35107 also provides that a district employee appointed or elected to the Board must resign from district employment before being sworn in or the employment will be automatically terminated upon being sworn into office. See BB 9220 - Governing Board Elections. CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5091, when a vacancy occurs outside of the statutory time windows identified in Items #1 or #2 above or when a deferred resignation has been filed four or more months before the end of a Board member's term, the Board shall take action, as specified below. In the event that the Board fails to make a provisional appointment or order an election within 60 days, the County Superintendent must call an election to fill the vacancy.

3. When a vacancy occurs any time outside of the statutory time windows identified in Items #1 and #2 above, the Board shall either order an election or make a provisional appointment within 60 days of the date of the vacancy or the filing of the member's deferred resignation, whichever is sooner. (Education Code 5091, 5093)

Eligibility for Appointment

CSBA NOTE: Persons applying or nominated to be appointed to fill a Board vacancy are required to meet the legal qualifications for serving as elected Board members. See BB 9220 - Governing Board Elections.

In order to be appointed or elected to fill a vacancy on the Board, a person must meet the eligibility requirements specified in Education Code 35107, as described in BB law and Board Bylaw 9220 - Governing Board Elections.

Provisional Appointments

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph should be modified to reflect district practice. The While the Board is authorized to make a provisional appointment to fill a vacancy pursuant to Item #3 in the section "Timelines for Filling a Vacancy" above. The the law does not specify procedures for making provisional appointments for vacancies caused by reasons other than a failure to elect; however, such procedures must comply with the requirements of the Brown Act. (Government Code 54950-54963). Secret ballots are prohibited by Government Code 54953. In addition, only an individual who meets the eligibility requirements specified in Education Code 35107 may be appointed to fill a vacancy.)

See CSBA's publication, "Filling a Board Vacancy" for additional information about provisional appointments, including sample questions for interviewing and evaluating candidates.

When, <u>as</u> authorized by law, <u>the Board has opted</u> to make a provisional appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board, the Board shall advertise, <u>by resolution</u>, <u>may approve the procedures for selecting the person to be provisionally appointed to fill the vacancy. These procedures may, but are not required to, include the following:</u>

1. Advertising in the local media to solicit candidate applications or nominations. A

- 2. Establishing a committee consisting of less than a quorum of the Board shall to ensure that applicants are eligible for Board membership and announce the names of the eligible candidates. The Board shall interview
- 3. Interviewing the candidates at a public meeting, accept oral or written public input, and select the provisional appointee by majority vote.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5092, once the Board has filled a vacancy by provisional appointment, the Board is required to post a notice. The notice is required to be posted in three public places in the district in addition to other notice requirements. Districts with trustee areas may want to post the notice in three public places within the trustee area of the vacant seat. Boards for districts with trustee areas are advised to consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel regarding the requirement to post in three public places.

<u>Pursuant to Education Code 5092, as amended by AB 1326 (Ch. 68, Statutes of 2023), the notice is also required to be posted on the district's website.</u>

Within 10 days after the <u>Board makes a provisional</u> appointment is <u>made to fill a Board vacancy</u>, the <u>Board Superintendent or designee</u>, on <u>behalf of the Board</u>, shall post notices a <u>notice</u> of the actual vacancy, or the filing of a deferred resignation, and the provisional appointment. The <u>notice Superintendent or designee</u> shall be <u>published inpost</u> the <u>local newspaper pursuant to Government Code 6061 and posted in at least three public places within the district. <u>notice as follows:</u> (Education Code 5092)</u>

The notice shall contain: (Education Code 5092)

- 1. In three public places in the district or, if applicable, trustee area
- 2. On the district's website
- 3. In a newspaper of general circulation published in the district, if such a newspaper exists

The notice shall contain: (Education Code 5092)

- 1. The fact of the vacancy or resignation
- 4.2. The date of the occurrence of the vacancy or the date of the filing of, and the effective date of, the resignation
- 2.—The full name of the provisional appointee

- 3. The to the Board and the date of the provisional appointee's appointment
- 4. A statement notifying the voters that unless a petition calling for a special election pursuant to Education Code 5091 is filed in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of the provisional appointment, itthe appointment shall become an effective appointment

The person appointed shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment. (Education Code 5091)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5091, the County Superintendent of Schools is required to terminate a provisional appointment and order a special election if, within 30 days of the appointment, a petition requesting a special election to fill the vacancy is submitted by registered voters. Pursuant to Education Code 5091, as amended by SB 1061 (Ch. 831, Statutes of 2022), any such petition for a special election must contain the county elections official's estimate of the cost of conducting the special election, expressed on a per-student basis. Education Code 5091, as amended, also requires such special election to be conducted not less than 88, nor more than 125, days following the County Superintendent's order of the election, unless the election may be consolidated with a regularly scheduled election which is to take place within 180 days after the issuance of the County Superintendent's order. For the conduct of Board elections, See BB 9220 -Governing Board Elections: CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5091, an appointed Board member may only hold office until the next regularly scheduled district Board election. Thus, if a person is appointed to a board with three years remaining in their term, then it is likely that they will only serve through the second year as there typically would be a regularly scheduled district Board election at that point. There would need to be a special election concurrent with the regularly scheduled district Board election and final two years of the vacant term would be filed by the person elected in the special election.

The person appointed shall only hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district Board members. (Education Code 5091)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5091, the County Superintendent is required to terminate a provisional appointment and order a special election if, within 30 days of the appointment, a petition requesting a special election to fill the vacancy is submitted by registered voters. Pursuant to Education Code 5091, any such petition for a special election must contain the county elections official's estimate of the cost of conducting the special election, expressed on a per-student basis. Education Code 5091 also requires any such special election to be conducted not less than 88, nor more than 125, days following the County Superintendent's order of the election, unless the election may be consolidated with a regularly scheduled election that is to take place within 180 days after the issuance of the County Superintendent's order. For the conduct of Board elections, See BB 9220 - Governing Board Elections.

If within 30 days of the Board's appointment, registered voters of the district or, where elections are by trustee areas, of the trustee area, submit a petition for special election which that the County Superintendent determines to be legally sufficient, the provisional appointment is terminated, and a

special election shall be held in accordance with Education Code 5091 to fill the vacancy.

Appointment Due to Failure to Elect

CSBA NOTE: The following procedure applies requirements apply when an appointment is being made because of a failure to elect pursuant to Education Code 5090, 5326, and 5328 (Item #1213 in section entitled "Events Causing a Vacancy" above).

When a vacancy occurs because no candidate or an insufficient number of candidates have been nominated (i.e., a failure to elect) and a district election will not be held, the Board shall appoint a qualified person to the office. This appointment shall be made at a meeting prior to the day fixed for the election and the appointee shall be seated at the organizational meeting as if elected at the district election. (Education Code 5328)

When an appointment is being made because of a failure to elect, the district shall publish a notice once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the district, or if no such newspaper exists, in a newspaper having general circulation within the district. This notice shall state that the Board intends to make an appointment and shall inform persons of the procedure available for applying for the appointment. (Education Code 5328.5)

The procedure for selecting and interviewing candidates shall be When, as authorized by law, the same as Board seeks to make an appointment because of a failure to elect, the Board, by resolution, may approve any additional the procedures for "Provisional Appointments," as specified above. selecting the person to be appointed to fill the vacancy.

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