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Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3110 - **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Staff members, officers, and agents shall perform their official duties in a manner free from conflict of interest. To this end:

- A. The maintenance of unusually high standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and professional conduct by School District's Board members, employees, officers, and agents is essential to ensure the proper performance of school business as well as to earn and keep public confidence in the School District.

To accomplish this, the Board of Education has adopted the following guidelines which apply to all District employees, officers and agents, including members of the Board to assure that conflicts of interest do not occur. These guidelines are not intended to be all inclusive, nor to substitute for good judgment on the part of all employees, officers, and agents.

1. No employee, officer, or agent shall engage in or have a financial or other interest, directly or indirectly, in any activity that conflicts or raises a reasonable question of conflict with his/her duties and responsibilities in the school system. When a staff member determines that the possibility of a personal interest conflict exists, s/he should, prior to the matter being considered by the Board or administration, disclose his/her interest (such disclosure shall become a matter of record in the minutes of the Board).
2. No staff member, officer, or agent shall use his/her position to benefit either himself/herself or any other individual or agency apart from the total interest of the School District.
3. If the financial interest pertains to a proposed contract with the District, the following requirements must be met.

The staff member, officer, or agent shall disclose the direct financial interest in the contract to the Board with such disclosure made a part of the official Board minutes. If his/her direct financial interest amounts to \$250 or more or five percent (5%) or more of the contract cost to the District, the staff member, officer, or agent shall make the disclosure in one (1) of two (2) ways:

- a. In writing, to the Board president at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the contract will be taken. The disclosure shall be made public in the same manner as the Board's notices of its public meetings. (See Bylaw 0165.)
- b. By announcement at a meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which a vote on the contract is to be taken. The staff member, officer, or agent must use this method of disclosure if his/her financial interest amounts to \$5,000 or more.

4. Employees, officers, and agents shall not engage in business, private practice of their profession, the rendering of services, or the sale of goods of any type where advantage is taken of any professional relationship they may have with any student, client, or parents of such students or clients in the course of their employment or professional relationship with the School District.

Included, by way of illustration rather than limitation are the following:

- a. the provision of any private lessons or services for a fee
 - b. the use, sale, or improper divulging of any privileged information about a student or client gained in the course of the employee's, officer's, or agent's employment or professional relationship with the District through his/her access to School District records
 - c. the referral of any student or client for lessons or services to any private business or professional practitioner if there is any expectation of reciprocal referrals, sharing of fees, or other remuneration for such referrals
 - d. the requirement of students or clients to purchase any private goods or services provided by an employee, officer, agent, or any business or professional practitioner with whom any employee, officer, or agent has a financial or other relationship, as a condition of receiving any grades, credits, promotions, approvals, or recommendations
5. Employees, officers, and agents shall not make use of materials, equipment, or facilities of the School District in private practice. Examples would be the use of facilities before, during, or after regular business hours for service to private practice clients, or the checking out of items from an instructional materials center for private practice.
- B. Should exceptions to this policy be necessary in order to provide services to students or clients of the School District, all such exceptions will be made known to the employee's, officer's or agent's supervisor and will be disclosed to the Superintendent **before** entering into any private relationship.
 - C. Employees, officers, and agents can not participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal grant/award if s/he has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his/her immediate family, his/her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties described in this section, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

Employees, officers, and agents shall not solicit or accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts involved with Federal grant funds. Employees, officers, and agents may, however, accept a gift of unsolicited items of "nominal value" from a contractor or party to subcontracts that do not involve Federal grant funds. For purposes of this section, "nominal value" means that the gift has a monetary value of \$100 or less.

- D. To the extent that the District has a parent, affiliate or subsidiary organization that is not a State, local government or Indian tribe, the School District may not conduct a procurement action involving the parent, affiliate or subsidiary organization if the School District is unable, or appears to be unable, to be impartial.

- E. Employees, officers and agents must disclose any potential conflict of interest which may lead to a violation of this policy to the School District. Upon discovery of any potential conflict of interest, the School District will disclose, in writing, the potential conflict of interest to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.

The District will also disclose, in a timely manner, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery or gratuity that affect a Federal award to the appropriate Federal awarding agency or, if applicable, the pass-through entity.

- F. Employees, officers and agents found to be in violation of this conflict of interest policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination, as permitted by applicable Board policy.

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3111 - CREATING A POSITION

The Board of Education recognizes the need to establish positions which, when filled by competent, qualified professional staff members, will assist the District in achieving the education goals set by the Board. The District employs only U.S. citizens and others lawfully authorized to work in the United States.

The Superintendent shall verify all new full-time and part-time employees' right to work in the United States according to the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

The Board reserves the right to:

- A. create new positions;
- B. specify the number of persons to be employed with each job category;
- C. set the initial salary for a new position not currently covered by a valid, negotiated, collective-bargained agreement.

In the exercise of its authority to create new positions, the Board shall give primary consideration to the:

- A. number of students enrolled;
- B. special needs of the community;
- C. special needs of the students;
- D. operational services of the District.

The Board shall, upon the advice of the Superintendent, consider the advisability of creating a new position or of increasing the number of professional staff members in an existing position.

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3112 - BOARD-STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

The Board of Education desires to maintain open channels of communication between itself and the staff. The basic line of communication, will, however, be through the Superintendent.

A. Staff Communications to the Board

All official communications from staff members to the Board or its committees shall be submitted through the Superintendent following the appropriate chain of command. This procedure is not intended to deny any staff member the right to appeal to the Board on important matters through established procedures.

B. Board Communications to Staff

All official communications, policies, and directives of the Board of staff interest and concern to the staff will be communicated through the Superintendent, who shall also keep staff members fully informed of the Board's problems, concerns, and actions.

C. Social Interaction

Both staff and Board members share a keen interest in the schools and in education generally, and it is to be expected that when they meet at social affairs and other functions, they will informally discuss such matters as educational trends, issues, and innovations, and general activities of the District. However, since individual Board members have no special authority except when they are convened at a legal meeting of the Board or vested with special authority by Board action, discussions between staff and Board members of personalities or personnel grievances will be considered to be unethical conduct.

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3120 - EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The Board of Education recognizes that it is vital to the successful operation of the District that positions created by the Board be filled with highly-qualified and competent personnel. The Board requires that anyone employed as a professional staff member with instructional responsibilities in an elementary or secondary school in this District hold a certificate, permit, or vocational authorization valid for the positions to which s/he is assigned.

The Board shall approve the employment, and also, when not covered by the terms of a negotiated, collectively-bargained agreement, fix the compensation, and establish the term of employment for each professional staff member employed by the Board.

Individuals employed in the following categories shall be considered members of the professional staff:

- A. Administrators
- B. Teachers

All professional staff are subject to a criminal history record check. See Policy 3121.

Such approval shall be given only to those candidates for employment recommended by the Superintendent.

All applications for employment shall be referred to the Superintendent.

Relatives of Board members may be employed by the Board, provided the Board member does not participate in any way in the discussion or vote on the employment when a conflict of interest is involved.

Relatives of staff members may be employed by the Board, provided the staff member being employed is not placed in a position in which s/he would be supervised directly by the relative staff member.

Applications for employment will not be accepted from any current District Board member. If a Board member wishes to apply for a position, his/her resignation must be accepted by the Board prior to submitting an application.

Any professional staff member's intentional misstatement of fact or omission material to his/her qualifications for employment or the determination of salary shall be considered by this Board to constitute grounds for dismissal.

The temporary employment of professional staff members prior to approval by the Board is authorized when their employment is required to maintain continuity in the educational program. Employment shall be recommended to the Board at the next regular meeting.

No candidate for employment to the professional staff as a nonadministrator shall receive a recommendation for such employment without having proffered visual evidence of proper certification or that application for such certification is in process, except as otherwise permitted by law.

Prior to hiring an applicant, the Superintendent shall obtain from the applicant a signed Consent to Obtain Records (Form 3120 F2) and shall obtain from the applicant's current or immediately-previous employer any records, including the applicant's personnel file relating to unprofessional conduct in which the applicant engaged. Any such records are to be reviewed prior to a recommendation for employment and may be disclosed to those individuals directly involved in evaluating the applicant's qualifications.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative guidelines for the recruitment and selection of all professional staff.

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3120.04 - EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

The Board of Education recognizes the need to procure the services of substitutes in order to continue the operation of the schools as a result of the absence of regular personnel.

Substitute personnel are subject to a criminal history record check. See Policy 3121.

The Superintendent shall employ substitutes for assignment as services are required to replace temporarily-absent regular staff members and fill new positions. Such assignment of substitutes may be terminated when their services are no longer required. A substitute, however, who is employed directly by the District for 150 days or more during a school year of not less than 180 days, except under circumstances identified in statute, shall be given, during the balance of that year as well as during the succeeding school year, the first opportunity to accept or reject a contract for which the person is certified and qualified, provided that all other District teachers have been reemployed in accordance with the negotiated, collectively-bargained agreement.

Substitutes must possess a valid Michigan professional certificate and a permit, if substitute teaching in a subject for which s/he is not certified, except under the following circumstances:

- A. The Superintendent may employ noncertificated, nonendorsed substitutes to teach, in grades 9-12, a course in computer science, foreign language, mathematics, biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, robotics, or any other course approved by the State Board, providing they meet all of the conditions established by law and by the Superintendent.
- B. The Superintendent may also employ a substitute without a valid teaching certificate if the person has at least sixty (60) semester hours of college credit or an associate degree from a college or university or community college and, for substitute teaching in grades 9 to 12, is at least twenty-two (22) years of age.
- C. The Superintendent may employ noncertificated, substitutes to teach in an industrial technology education program or career and technical education program providing they meet all of the conditions established by law and by the Superintendent.

In order to retain well-qualified substitutes for service in this District, the Board will offer competitive compensation at a rate set annually by the Board.

A substitute, employed directly by the District in one (1) specific teaching position, shall, after sixty (60) consecutive days in that assignment, be paid a salary not less than the minimum salary on the current salary schedule and granted the privileges provided regular staff.

A substitute shall be paid a minimum of one (1) day once the substitute is called.

The Board may enter into a contract with a person or entity (a partnership, nonprofit or business corporation, labor organization, limited liability company, or any other association, corporation, trust, or other legal entity) to furnish substitute teachers to the District as necessary to carry out the operations of the District. A contract entered into under this section shall include the following provisions:

- A. Assurance that the person or entity will furnish the School District with qualified teachers in accordance with the School Code and any implementing rules and regulations.
- B. Assurance that the person or entity will not furnish to the School District any teacher who, if employed directly by the School District, would be ineligible for employment by the District as a substitute teacher under the School Code.
- C. A description of the level of compensation and fringe benefits to be provided for the employees of the person or entity who are to be assigned to the District as substitute teachers.
- D. A description of the type and amounts of insurance coverage to be secured and maintained by the person or entity and the School District.
- E. Assurance that the person or entity, before assigning an individual to serve as a substitute teacher in the District, will comply with and provide to the Board the criminal history record information obtained under section 1230 and with the results of the criminal record check under section 1230a of the School Code.

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3120.05 - EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL IN DRIVER EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Board of Education recognizes that the success of the driver education and community education programs depends in large measure upon the employment of qualified and competent personnel.

The Board shall fix the compensation and set the term of employment for each person employed in the subject programs established for this District subject to the collective-bargaining agreement. The Board will employ only those candidates recommended by the Superintendent.

A candidate's intentional misstatement of fact material to his/her qualifications for employment or the determination of his/her salary will be considered by the Board to constitute grounds for dismissal.

No candidate for employment shall receive recommendation for such employment without having proffered visual evidence of proper certification, if needed, or that application for such certification is in process.

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3120.06 - **SELECTING STUDENT TEACHERS**

The Board of Education encourages cooperation with State-approved colleges and universities in the training of student teachers because the public school offers an essential ingredient, direct experience with students and teachers at work in the classroom, but certain safeguards have been found to be necessary for the best interests of all concerned.

Colleges and universities should first make contact with the Superintendent regarding placement of a student teacher.

The Superintendent shall make the final placement of student teachers.

The supervising staff member shall have had no less than five (5) years of successful experience in the area of assignment.

Professional staff members who agree to serve as supervisors of student teachers may accept honoraria or stipends directly from the college/university for those services rendered outside the regular school day and above and beyond the duties and responsibilities specified in their contracts.

The following conditions shall also be met:

- A. The institution making the assignment shall provide on-going supervision in a manner suitable to the principal.
- B. The supervising teacher or administrator must agree to work effectively with the student teacher and the institutional supervisor.
- C. If at any time the quality of student teaching is judged to be inferior or s/he is disruptive to the on-going program, the Superintendent may request withdrawal of that program.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to provide, in cooperation with appropriate colleges and universities, a "field experience" program in order for selected students to gain first-hand knowledge of and experience in a school environment.

The Superintendent may terminate a student-teaching program if one (1) or more aspects of the program are not of high quality or meeting District needs or expectations.

In addition to the those described in the negotiated, collective-bargained agreement, the following conditions shall also apply:

- A. The institution making the assignment shall provide adequate follow-up supervision.
- B. If at any time the quality of student teaching is judged to be inferior or disruptive to the on-going class program by the supervising teacher or principal, the Superintendent may request withdrawal of the original permit.

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3120.07 - EMPLOYMENT OF RESOURCE PERSONNEL

It is the purpose of this policy to allow the employment of personnel in a consulting capacity for administration, in-service, or instruction.

In the general fund of the Board of Education, money is appropriated annually for special services. This might include resource persons in specialized fields of education that could offer consulting advice on the administration or instructional processes. The Superintendent shall negotiate a reasonable payment with the resource person.

Specialists from industry, business, agriculture, or health occupation fields may be employed in a consulting capacity to assist with program planning, in-services, or directly in the instructional program. Professional staff members employed by the District may be used as resource personnel, outside of their regular assignment, at the discretion of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative guidelines to ensure proper implementation of this policy.

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3120.08 - **EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Board of Education may find it necessary to employ, on a part-time basis, coaches or activity sponsors who are not members of the professional staff. Such part-time employees may be members of the District's support staff or individuals from the community or nearby areas.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to recommend candidates for employment by the Board.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines to ensure that each person employed as a coach or activity sponsor has the appropriate qualifications, has been properly interviewed, and signs an employment contract which includes the conditions of employment, compensation arrangements, and contract termination procedures.

The Superintendent is authorized to select and employ teachers necessary to conduct approved summer school programs. The authority to make selections is limited only by the master agreement.

Pay for summer school teachers shall be as determined by the Master Contract.

Appropriate qualifications shall, at a minimum, include any requirements established by the State, and may also include any program specific training or certification as determined by the Superintendent, such as cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and/or first aid.

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3120.09 - **VOLUNTEERS**

The Board of Education recognizes that certain programs and activities can be enhanced through the use of volunteers who have particular knowledge or skills that will be helpful to members of the professional staff responsible for the conduct of those programs and activities.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for recruiting community volunteers, reviewing their capabilities, and making appropriate placements. S/He shall not be obligated to make use of volunteers whose abilities are not in accord with District needs.

Any volunteer who works with or has access to students shall be screened through the Internet sites for the Sex Offenders Registry (SOR) list, the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT) criminal history records check and the Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS) prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.

The Superintendent is to inform each volunteer that s/he:

- A. shall agree to abide by all Board policies and District guidelines while on duty as a volunteer including signing, if appropriate, the District's Network and Internet Access Agreement Forms;
- B. will be covered under the District's liability policy but the District cannot provide any type of health insurance to cover illness or accident incurred while serving as a volunteer, nor is the person eligible for workers compensation;
- C. will be asked to sign a form releasing the District of any obligation should the volunteer become ill or receive an injury as a result of his/her volunteer services.

The Superintendent shall also ensure that each volunteer is properly informed of the District's appreciation for his/her time and efforts in assisting the operation of the schools.

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3120.10 - JOB SHARING

The Board of Education recognizes the value to the District to obtain the services of quality staff members who may not be available on a full-time basis but wish to offer their knowledge and skills part-time through a job-sharing process.

The District will consider job share requests only if the cost (including benefits) of employing two (2) staff members on a half-time basis does not exceed the cost of employing one full-time staff member.

Half-time positions may be approved in which two (2) currently employed staff members will be allowed to share one (1) full-time position.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to create a job-sharing program provided it does not impact adversely on the District or any current staff member.

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3121 - CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK

Before the District hires any employee (full or part-time) or allows any individual under contract to continuously and regularly work in the schools, a criminal history records check shall be conducted in accordance with State law.

"Under contract" shall apply to individuals, as well as owners and employees of entities, who contract directly with the District or with a third party vendor, management company, or similar contracting entity to provide food, custodial, transportation, counseling or administrative services on more than an intermittent or sporadic basis. It shall also apply to individuals or entities providing instructional services to students or related auxiliary services to special education students.

Prior to allowing an individual, who is subject to the criminal history record check requirement, to work in the District, the District shall submit a fingerprint-based check on the individual, using Michigan State Police (MSP) Form RI-030 (7/2012), regardless of whether the individual will work directly for the District or be contracted through a third-party vendor, management company or similar contracting entity ("Private Contractors"). Except as provided below, the report from the MSP must be received, reviewed and approved by the District prior to the individual commencing work.

Such Private Contractors cannot receive or retain criminal history record information ("CHRI").¹ Where the District will contract with a Private Contractor for the services of an individual, the District will notify the Private Contractor(s), after review of the MSP report, whether the individual has been approved to work within the District. The District may not give any details, including the fact that a criminal history check was run. Notice for approval to work in the District should use the Affidavit of Assignment or similar "red light/green light" procedure.

Should it be necessary to employ a person or contract for a person to maintain continuity of the program prior to receipt of the criminal history report, the Superintendent may contract on a provisional basis until the report is received. Any such provisional hire requires that:

- A. the record check has been requested;
- B. the applicant has signed a disclosure of all convictions and acknowledges that employment may be terminated if there are discrepancies; and
- C. the hiring occurs during the school year or not more than thirty (30) days before the beginning of the school year.

For substitute teachers or substitute bus drivers currently working in another district, public school academy or non-public school in the State, the Superintendent may use a report received from the State Police by such school to confirm the individual has no criminal history. Absent such confirmation, a criminal history record check shall be performed.

Individuals working in multiple districts may authorize the release of a prior criminal history records check with another district in lieu of an additional check for either direct employment or working regularly and consistently under contract in the schools.

Individuals who previously received a statutorily required criminal background check and who have been continuously employed by a school district, intermediate school district, public school academy or non-public school within the State, with no separation, may have their previous record check sent to the District in lieu of submitting to a new criminal background check. If this method is used, the Superintendent must confirm that the record belongs to that individual and whether there have been any additional convictions by processing the individual's name, sex and date of birth through the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT).

"No separation," for purposes of the preceding paragraph, means a lay off or leave of absence of less than twelve (12) months with the same employer; or the employee transfers without a break in service to another school district, intermediate school district, public school academy or non-public school within the State.

All CHRI received from the State Police, or produced by the State Police and received by the District from another proper source, will be maintained pursuant to Policy 8321.

When the District receives a report that shows an individual has been convicted of a listed offense under State statutes or any felony, the Superintendent shall take steps to verify that information using public records, in accordance with the procedures provided by the State Department of Education.

Verified convictions may result in termination of employment or rejection of an application. The District will not hire or continue to employ any individual, either directly or as a contracted employee to work regularly and continuously in the schools, who has been convicted of a "listed" offense as defined in M.C.L. 28.722. The District will not hire or continue to employ any individual, either directly or as a contracted employee to work regularly and continuously in the schools, who has been convicted of any felony unless both the Superintendent and the Board provide written approval.

The District must report as directed by and to the State Department of Education the verified information regarding conviction for any listed offense or conviction for any felony and the action taken by the District with regard to such conviction. Such report shall be filed within sixty (60) days of receipt of the original report of the conviction.

The Superintendent shall establish the necessary procedures for obtaining from the Criminal Records Division of the State Police any criminal history on the applicant maintained by the State Police. In addition, the Superintendent shall request the State Police to obtain a criminal history records check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

An applicant must submit, at no expense to the District, a set of fingerprints, prepared by an entity approved by the Michigan State Police, as part of his/her employment application or as required by State law for continued employment.

Confidentiality

All information and records obtained from such criminal background inquiries and disclosures are to be considered confidential and shall not be released or disseminated to those who have not been given access to CHRI by the Superintendent. Violation of confidentiality is considered a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$10,000.

Any notification received from the Michigan Department of Education or Michigan State Police regarding District employees with criminal convictions shall be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the first fifteen (15) days until the accuracy of the information can be verified. Thereafter, only information about felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions involving physical or sexual abuse may be disclosed in reference to a FOIA request.

CHRI may be released with the written authorization of the individual.

Records may also be released, in accordance with statute, upon the request of a school district, intermediate school district, public school academy or non-public school when the individual is an applicant for employment at such school and there has been no separation from service, as defined in this policy and by statute.

¹ Individuals who submit and receive such criminal history record checks on behalf of the District must be direct employees of the District. Notwithstanding this, Information Technology contractors and vendors may be granted access to CHRI subject to successful completion of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check as detailed in Policy 8321.

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3121.01 - CRIMINAL CONVICTION REVIEW

In an effort to maintain a safe environment for students, staff and visitors, the District will review the criminal records of those individuals who apply to or work for the District or are contracted to work on a regular and continuous basis in the schools.

Individuals convicted of crimes listed in Section 2 of the Sex Offender Registry Act, M.C.L. 28.722, shall not be allowed to work in the schools or in the District.

Individuals convicted of a felony not listed in the Sex Offender Registry Act may not continue to work in the District, unless or until they have received written approval from both the Superintendent and the Board of Education. Pending such approval employees shall be placed on administrative leave. Such leave shall be without pay, subject to Board discretion to award pay with reinstatement.

Individuals convicted of a misdemeanor related to sexual abuse, child abuse or controlled substances shall require the written approval of the Superintendent and the Board to continue employment.

All other criminal convictions shall require the written approval from the Superintendent to obtain or maintain employment in the District.

Except for felony convictions, the Superintendent shall determine whether the individual will be allowed to work pending review of the criminal convictions and a determination of whether the individual should be allowed to work in the District.

The Superintendent shall suspend consideration of any applicant and shall determine whether an employee or person contracted to work in the District will be allowed to work while felony charges are pending against the individual.

In making the determination regarding whether to hire an applicant or allow an individual to continue working with pending felony charges or after a conviction, the Superintendent and the Board will consider the following factors:

- A. the nature of the offense does relate or is related to children, sex, drugs, or violence, etc.
- B. how long ago did the incident occur
- C. were there repeated incidents
- D. nature of assignment in District (access to children, role model, etc.)
- E. whether any treatment or other rehabilitation has occurred
- F. the nature of the employee's work record since offense (likelihood of repeated misbehavior)

Neither the Board nor the Superintendent shall consider criminal charges that did not result in conviction, or pending misdemeanor charges in determining whether to hire or continue the employment of any individual.

In making recommendations to the Board on whether to allow individuals with convictions or pending felony charges to work in the District, the Superintendent shall provide written reasons supporting the recommendation.

The Board shall provide written reasons supporting its determination on whether to allow an individual with a conviction to work in the District.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for processing the necessary review of criminal convictions, and providing the Board timely notice of its need to act in accordance with this policy.

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3122 - NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information, or any other legally protected category, (collectively, "Protected Classes"), in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities.

Definitions:

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

Complainant is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

Respondent is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in unlawful discrimination/retaliation, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged discrimination/retaliation.

School District community means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and classified staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

Third Parties include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

Day(s): Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means a business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the Board office is open for normal operating hours, Monday - Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

For purposes of this policy, "military status" refers to a person's status in the uniformed services, which includes the performance of duty, on a voluntary basis, or involuntary basis, in a uniformed service including active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty for training, full-time National Guard duty. It also includes the period of time for which a person is absent from employment for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the person to perform any such duty as listed above.

District Compliance Officers

The Board designates the following individuals to serve as the District's "Compliance Officers" (also known as "Civil Rights Coordinators") (hereinafter referred to as the "COs").

Director of Student Services
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The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually.

The COs are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination/retaliation or denial of equal access. The COs shall also verify that proper notice of nondiscrimination for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended), Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975 is provided to staff members and the general public. Any sections of the District's collective bargaining agreements dealing with hiring, promotion, and tenure need to contain a statement of nondiscrimination similar to that in the Board's statement above. In addition, any gender-specific terms should be eliminated from such contracts. A copy of each of the Acts and regulations on which this notice is available upon request from the CO.

Reports and Complaints of Unlawful Discrimination and Retaliation

Employees are required to report incidents of unlawful discrimination and/or retaliation to an administrator, supervisor, or other District-level official so that the Board may address the conduct. Any administrator, supervisor, or other District-level official who receives such a report shall file it with the CO within two (2) days.

Employees who believe they have been unlawfully discriminated/retaliated against are entitled to utilize the complaint process set forth below. Initiating a complaint, whether formally or informally, will not adversely affect the Complainant's employment. While there are no time limits for initiating complaints under this policy, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint as soon as possible after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

The COs will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to unlawful discrimination/retaliation. COs shall accept reports of unlawful discrimination/retaliation directly from any member of the School District community or a Third Party, or received reports that are initially filed with another Board employee. Upon receipt of a report of alleged discrimination/retaliation, the CO will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the Complainant's request and the nature of the alleged discrimination/retaliation), or the CO will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process. The CO will provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and the Respondent. In the case of a formal complaint, the CO will prepare recommendations for the Superintendent or oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All members of the School District community must report incidents of discrimination/retaliation that are reported to them to the CO within two (2) business days of learning of the incident/conduct.

Any Board employee who directly observes unlawful discrimination/retaliation is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to one of the COs within two (2) business days. Additionally, any Board employee who observes an act of unlawful discrimination/retaliation is expected to intervene to stop the misconduct, unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other Board employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the misconduct. Thereafter, the CO or designee must contact the Complainant within two (2) business days to advise of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

Investigation and Complaint Procedure (See Form 3122 F2)

Except for sex discrimination and/or Sexual Harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, any employee who alleges to have been subjected to unlawful discrimination or retaliation may seek resolution of the complaint through the procedures described below. The formal complaint procedures involve an investigation of the individual's claims of discrimination/retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated.

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of unlawful discrimination or retaliation, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals are encouraged to file a complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs. Once the formal complaint process is begun, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) business days of the complaint being received).

The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of any individual to pursue a complaint of unlawful discrimination or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights or Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC").

Informal Complaint Procedure

The goal of the informal complaint procedure is to promptly stop inappropriate behavior and facilitate resolution through an informal means, if possible. The informal complaint procedure is provided as a less formal option for an employee who alleges unlawful discrimination or retaliation. This informal procedure is not required as a precursor to the filing of a formal complaint. The informal process is only available in those circumstances where the Complainant and the Respondent mutually agree to participate in it.

The Complainant may proceed immediately to the formal complaint process and individuals who participate in the informal procedure may request that the informal process be terminated at any time to move to the formal complaint process.

All complaints involving a District employee or any other adult member of the School District community and a student will be formally investigated.

As an initial course of action, if a Complainant feels comfortable and safe doing so, the individual should tell or otherwise inform the Respondent that the allegedly discriminatory/retaliatory conduct that it is inappropriate and must stop. The Complainant should address the alleged misconduct as soon after it occurs as possible. The COs are available to support and counsel the Complainant when taking this initial step or to intervene on behalf of the individual if requested to do so. A Complainant who is uncomfortable or unwilling to directly approach the Respondent about the inappropriate conduct may file an informal or a formal complaint. In addition, with regard to certain types of unlawful discrimination (e.g., sex discrimination), the CO may advise against the use of the informal complaint process.

A Complainant who alleges unlawful discrimination/retaliation may make an informal complaint, either orally or in writing: (1) to a building administrator; (2) directly to one of the COs; and/or (3) to the Superintendent or other District-level employee.

All informal complaints must be reported to one of the COs who will either facilitate an informal resolution as described below, or appoint another individual to facilitate an informal resolution.

The School District's informal complaint procedure is designed to provide the Complainant with a range of options aimed at bringing about a prompt resolution of their concerns. Depending upon the nature of the complaint and the wishes of the Complainant, informal resolution may involve, but not be limited to, one or more of the following:

- A. Advising the Complainant about how to communicate concerns to the Respondent.
- B. Distributing a copy of Policy 3122 – Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity to the individuals in the school building or office where the Respondent works.
- C. If both parties agree, the CO may arrange and facilitate a meeting or mediation between the Complainant and the Respondent to work out a mutual resolution.

While there are no set time limits within which an informal complaint must be resolved, the CO or designee is directed to attempt to resolve all informal complaints within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the informal complaint. If the Complainant is dissatisfied with the informal complaint process, the Complainant may proceed to file a formal complaint and, as stated above, either party may request that the informal process be terminated at any time to move to the formal complaint process.

Formal Complaint Procedure

If a complaint is not resolved through the informal complaint process, if one of the parties requested that the informal complaint process be terminated to move to the formal complaint process, or if the Complainant, from the outset, elects to file a formal complaint, or the Compliance Officer(s) determines the allegations are not appropriate for resolution through the informal process, the formal complaint process shall be implemented.

A Complainant may file a formal complaint, either orally or in writing, with a principal, the CO, Superintendent, or other District official. Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of unlawful discrimination and retaliation, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a formal complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs. If a Complainant informs a principal, Superintendent, or other District official, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of discrimination/retaliation, that employee must report such information to the CO/designee within two (2) business days.

Throughout the course of the process, the CO should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All formal complaints must include the following information to the extent known: the identity of the Respondent; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the CO shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter, the CO will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a formal complaint, the CO will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further discrimination or retaliation, including, but not limited to, a change of work assignment or schedule for the Complainant and/or the Respondent. In making such a determination, the CO should consult the Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with the proposed action. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the CO may still take whatever actions deemed appropriate in consultation with the Superintendent.

Within two (2) business days of receiving the complaint, the CO or designee will initiate a formal investigation to determine whether the Complainant has been subjected to unlawful discrimination/retaliation.

Simultaneously, the CO will inform the Respondent that a formal complaint has been received. The Respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations and provided with a copy of any relevant policies and/or administrative guidelines, including Policy 3122 - Non- Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity. The Respondent must also be informed of the opportunity to submit a written response to the formal complaint within five (5) days.

Although certain cases may require additional time, the CO or a designee will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of discrimination/retaliation within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the formal complaint. The investigation will include:

- A. interviews with the Complainant;
- B. interviews with the Respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who may reasonably be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations;
- D. consideration of any documentation or other information presented by the Complainant, Respondent, or any other witness that is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the CO/designee shall prepare and deliver a written report to the Superintendent that summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of unlawful discrimination/retaliation as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent has engaged in unlawful harassment/retaliation of the Complainant. The CO's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances. In determining if discrimination or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used. The CO may consult with the Board's legal counsel before finalizing the report to the Superintendent.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within five (5) business days of receiving the report of the CO or the designee, the Superintendent must either issue a written decision regarding whether the charges have been substantiated or request further investigation. A copy of the Superintendent's final decision will be delivered to both the Complainant and the Respondent.

If the Superintendent requests additional investigation, the Superintendent must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five (5) business days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the Superintendent must issue a final written decision as described above.

If the Superintendent determines the Respondent engaged in unlawful discrimination/retaliation toward the Complainant, the Superintendent must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the discrimination/retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, age-appropriate, and effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.

In an attempt to resolve the complaint, the Board shall meet with the concerned parties and their representatives within twenty (20) business days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) business days of this meeting. The decision of the Board will be final.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of unlawful discrimination/retaliation regardless of whether the employee alleging the unlawful discrimination/retaliation pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the formal complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board or its designee.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint process is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

Privacy/Confidentiality

The District will employ all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent(s), and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations. All records generated under the terms of this policy shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity.

During the course of a formal investigation, the CO or designee will instruct each person who is interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of an investigation is expected not to disclose to third parties any information that is learned or provided during the course of the investigation.

Sanctions and Monitoring

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against unlawful discrimination/retaliation by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop and prevent further misconduct. While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law and the terms of the relevant collective bargaining agreement(s). When imposing discipline, the Superintendent shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter. In those cases where unlawful discrimination/retaliation is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies, consistent with the terms of the relevant collective bargaining agreement(s).

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior remedial action has been taken against an employee, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or Superintendent shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effect.

Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging unlawful harassment/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made unlawful by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

Education and Training

In support of this policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of unlawful discriminatory practices. The Superintendent shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District students and staff where appropriate. All training, as well as all information provided regarding the Board's policy and discrimination in general, will be age and content appropriate.

Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials

The Compliance Officer(s) is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and/or received as part of an investigation, which may include but not be limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/grievances/statements/responses pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy;
- B. any narratives that memorialize oral reports/allegations/complaints/grievances/statements/responses pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy;
- C. any documentation that memorializes the actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities related to the investigation and/or the District's response to the alleged violation of this policy;
- D. written witness statements;
- E. narratives, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness interviews/statements;
- F. e-mails, texts, or social media posts that directly relate to or constitute evidence pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy (i.e., not after-the-fact commentary about or media coverage of the incident);

- G. notes or summaries prepared contemporaneously by the investigator in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.), but not including transitory notes whose content is otherwise memorialized in other documents;
- H. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and other documentation that memorializes oral disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of this policy;
- I. dated written determinations/reports (including summaries of relevant exculpatory and inculpatory evidence) and other documentation that memorializes oral notifications to the parties concerning the outcome of the investigation, including any consequences imposed as a result of a violation of this policy;
- J. documentation of any supportive measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and/or Respondent, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates the no contact orders were issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt of the no contact orders;
- K. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects;
- L. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Codes of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
- M. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
- N. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy;
- O. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
- P. copies of any notices sent to the alleged Respondent of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
- Q. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
- R. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent.

The documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal (e.g., FERPA, ADA) and/or State law – e.g., student records and confidential medical records.

The documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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Legal References: M.C.L. 37.2101 et seq., 37.1101 et seq.

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20 U.S.C. Section 1701 et seq., Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974

20 U.S.C. Section 7905, Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act

29 C.F.R. Part 1635

29 U.S.C. 701 et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended

34 C.F.R. Part 110 (7/27/93)

42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., Civil Rights Act of 1964

42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq., Age Discrimination Act of 1975

42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended

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3122.02 - **NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE**

The Board of Education does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment with respect to hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment based on genetic information. The Board also does not limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way that would deprive or tend to deprive them of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect the status of an employee as an employee, based on genetic information. Retaliation against an applicant or employee for engaging in protected activity is prohibited.

The Board shall only acquire and/or disclose genetic information of an employee or applicant for employment as provided by Federal law and regulation.

The Superintendent shall appoint a compliance officer whose responsibility it will be to ensure that Federal regulations are complied with and that any inquiries or complaints are dealt with promptly in accordance with law. S/He shall also ensure that proper notice of nondiscrimination for Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 is provided to staff members.

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 42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

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3123 - SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

The Board of Education prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant based upon his/her disability. As such, the Board will not engage in employment practices or adopt policies that discriminate on the basis of disability, or otherwise discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in regard to job application procedures, the hiring, advancement or discharge of employees, employee compensation, job training, or other terms, conditions and privileges of employment. The Board further will not limit, segregate or classify applicants or employees in any way that adversely affects their opportunities or status because of disability. Additionally, the Board will not participate in any contractual or other relationships that have the effect of subjecting qualified individuals with disabilities who are applicants or employees to discrimination on the basis of disability.

"An individual with a disability" means a person who has, had a record of, or is regarded as having, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one (1) or more major life activities. Major life activities are functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, sitting, reaching, interacting with others, and working.

Major life activities also include the operation of a major bodily function, including, but not limited to, functions of the immune system, special sense organs and skin, normal cell growth, and digestive, genitourinary, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, hemic, lymphatic, musculoskeletal and reproductive functions. The operation of a major bodily function includes the operation of an individual organ within a body system.

An impairment that is episodic in nature or in remission is considered a disability if it would substantially limit a major life activity when active.

The determination of whether an impairment substantially limits a major life activity must be made without regard to the ameliorative effects of mitigating measures such as medication, medical supplies, equipment or appliances, low-vision devices (defined as devices that magnify, enhance, or otherwise augment a visual image, but not including ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses), prosthetics (including limbs and devices), hearing aid(s) and cochlear implant(s) or other implantable hearing devices, mobility devices, oxygen therapy equipment or supplies, use of assistive technology, reasonable accommodations or "auxiliary aids or services," learned behavioral or adaptive neurological modifications, psychotherapy, behavioral therapy, or physical therapy.

A qualified person with a disability means the individual satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other job-related requirements of the employment position such individual holds or desires and, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job in question.

The Board will provide a reasonable accommodation to a qualified individual who has an actual disability or who has a record of a disability, unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the District's program and/or activities. A reasonable accommodation is not required for an individual who is merely regarded as having a disability.

Compliance Officer(s)

The Board designates the following individual(s) to serve as the District's 504 Compliance Officer(s)/ADA Coordinator(s) (hereinafter referred to as the "District Compliance Officer(s)").

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The name, title, and contact information of this individual will be published annually on the School District's website.

The District Compliance Officer(s) is responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with and fulfill its responsibilities under Section 504 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended ("ADA"). A copy of Section 504 and the ADA, including copies of their implementing regulations, may be obtained from the District Compliance Officer(s).

The District Compliance Officer(s) will oversee the investigation of any complaints of discrimination based on disability, which may be filed pursuant to the Board's adopted internal complaint procedure, and will attempt to resolve such complaints. The Board will provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging violations of Section 504/ADA. See below.

Training

The District Compliance Officer(s) will also oversee the training of employees in the District so that all employees understand their rights and responsibilities under Section 504 and the ADA, and are informed of the Board's policies, administrative guidelines and practices with respect to fully implementing and complying with the requirements of Section 504/ADA.

The Board will provide in-service training and consultation to staff responsible for the education of persons with disabilities, as necessary and appropriate.

Facilities

No qualified person with a disability will, because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies.

For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities.

Notice

Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination in employment practices and the identity of the District's Compliance Officer(s) will be published on the District's website and posted throughout the District, and included the District's recruitment statements or general information publications.

Complaint Procedures

If a person believes that s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of his/her disability, the person may utilize the following complaint procedures as a means of reaching, at the lowest possible administrative level, a prompt and equitable resolution of the matter.

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations ("Section 504"), employees will be notified of their right to file an internal complaint regarding an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of Section 504. In addition, employees will be notified of their right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Internal complaints must be put in writing and must identify the specific circumstances or areas of dispute that have given rise to the complaint, and offer possible solutions to the dispute. The complaint must be filed with a District Compliance Officer within the time limits specified below. The District's Compliance Officer is available to assist individuals in filing a complaint.

Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the Board office is open for normal operating hours, Monday - Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

Internal Complaint Procedure

The following internal complaint procedure is available to employees for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging discrimination based upon disability. This complaint procedure is not available to unsuccessful applicants. Use of the internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies, including the filing of a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

- A. An employee with a complaint based on alleged discrimination on the basis of disability may first discuss the problem with the District Compliance Officer.
- B. If the informal discussion does not resolve the matter, or if the employee skips Step A, the individual may file a formal written complaint with the District Compliance Officer. The written complaint must contain the name and address of the individual or representative filing the complaint, be signed by the complainant or someone authorized to sign for the complainant, describe the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the District Compliance Officer of the nature and date of the alleged violation, and propose a resolution. The complaint must be filed within thirty (30) days of the circumstances or event giving rise to the complaint, unless the time for filing is extended by the District Compliance Officer for good cause.
- C. The District Compliance Officer will conduct an independent investigation of the matter (which may or may not include a hearing). This complaint procedure contemplates informal, but thorough investigations, affording all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to present witnesses and other evidence relevant to the complaint. The District Compliance Officer will provide the complainant with a written disposition of the complaint within ten (10) days. If no decision is rendered within ten (10) days, or the decision is unsatisfactory in the opinion of the complainant, the employee may file, in writing, an appeal with the Superintendent. The District Compliance Officer shall maintain the District's files and records relating to the complaint.

- D. The Superintendent will, within ten (10) days of receiving the written appeal, conduct a hearing with all parties involved in an attempt to resolve the complaint.

The Superintendent will render his/her decision with ten (10) days of the hearing.

- E. The employee may be represented, at his/her own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.
- F. The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights or the filing of a court case. Use of this internal complaint procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

If it is determined that the Complainant was subjected to unlawful discrimination, the CO must identify what corrective action will be taken to stop, remedy, and prevent the recurrence of the discrimination/retaliation. The corrective action should be reasonable, timely, age-appropriate and effective, and tailored to the specific situation.

OCR Complaint

At any time, if an employee believes that s/he has been subjected to discrimination based upon his/her disability in violation of Section 504 or the ADA, the individual may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"). The OCR can be reached at:

U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
Cleveland Office
1350 Euclid Avenue
Suite 325
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
(216) 522-4970
FAX: (216) 522-2573
TDD: (216) 522-4944
E-mail: OCR.Cleveland@ed.gov
Web: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>

Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging unlawful harassment/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made unlawful by any Federal or State civil rights law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint, testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or this policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

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Legal References:

29 C.F.R. Part 1630

29 U.S.C. 794, Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended

34 C.F.R. Part 104

42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended

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Policy:po3124
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3124 - PROFESSIONAL STAFF CONTRACTS

Teacher Contracts

Individual teacher contracts shall comply in all respects with the bargained contract between the Board and the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Annual contracts shall be issued to teachers during their periods of probation.

Continuing contracts as provided by law and the rules and regulations of the Board, may be given to teachers who have attained tenure status, who have a life or continuing certificate, and who are recommended by the Superintendent. Such contracts shall continue in effect subject to rules and regulations of the Board for as long as the teacher holds a continuing or life certificate, or until a teacher resigns, elects to retire, or is dismissed under the provisions of the Teacher Tenure Act.

Administrator Contracts

All administrators shall be issued contracts by the Board of Education. Extended contracts of up to three (3) years may be granted as determined by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

It shall be the policy of the Board to exclude all administrators from attaining tenure in position and such exclusions shall be made a part of all individual contracts.

It shall be the policy of the Board to act on renewal or non-renewal of each administrator's contract at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the contract. If the Board is considering non-renewal of a contract, it shall so notify the administrator in writing at least 30 days before notification of the non-renewal that the Board is considering non-renewal of his/her contract. Such notice shall state the reasons why non-renewal is being considered. Prior to Board action on the non-renewal, the administrator shall be given the opportunity for a meeting with not less than a majority of the Board to discuss the reasons for considering the non-renewal of his/her contract. Notice of non-renewal shall be given in writing.

The reason for non-renewal shall not be arbitrary or capricious. If the Board fails to give the notices as provided, or if a court of competent jurisdiction should determine that the reasons for non-renewal are arbitrary or capricious, the administrator's contract shall be automatically renewed for a period of one year.

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Legal References: M.C.L. 380.1231, 380.623
A.C. Rule 390.661

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Policy:po3130
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3130 - **ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER**

The Board of Education believes that the appropriate placement of qualified and competent staff is essential to the successful functioning of the District.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for the proper assignment and transfer of all professional staff members and shall attempt to effect the optimum assignment of the professional staff in conformance with any applicable contractual or legal requirements, State certification requirements, and Federal requirements. S/He shall establish an audit procedure to ensure that each instructional staff member's teaching certificate is currently in compliance with appropriate State certification criteria and has not been nullified or, if applicable, that the professional staff member is otherwise qualified to teach as allowed by law.

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Legal References: M.C.L. 380.1231, 1233, 1233b
E.S.E.A./N.C.L.B. – 20 U.S.C. 6319

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Policy:po3131

Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3131 - STAFF REDUCTIONS/RECALLS

It is the policy of this Board that all personnel decisions shall be based on retaining effective teachers in situations involving a staffing or program reduction or any other personnel decision resulting in the elimination of a position, as well as for hiring after such reductions/position eliminations or recall to vacant positions. Length of service or tenure status may only be considered by the administration when all other factors, as listed below, are considered equal amongst the potentially affected teachers.

The effectiveness of teachers shall be measured in accordance with the District's performance evaluation system developed under Section 1249 of the School Code, and the personnel decisions shall be based on the following factors:

- A. Individual performance shall be the majority factor in making the decision, and shall consist of but is not limited to all of the following:
 - 1. Evidence of student growth, which shall be the predominant factor in assessing an employee's individual performance.
 - 2. The teacher's demonstrated pedagogical skills, including at least a special determination concerning the teacher's knowledge of his/her subject area and the ability to impart that knowledge through planning, delivering rigorous content, checking for and building higher-level understanding, differentiating, and managing a classroom; and consistent preparation to maximize instructional time.
 - 3. The teacher's management of the classroom, manner and efficacy of disciplining students, rapport with parents and other teachers, and ability to withstand the strain of teaching.
 - 4. The teacher's attendance and disciplinary record, if any.
- B. Significant, relevant accomplishments and contributions. This factor shall be based on whether the individual contributes to the overall performance of the school by making clear, significant, relevant contributions above the normal expectations for an individual in his/her peer group and having demonstrated a record of exceptional performance.
- C. Relevant special training. This factor shall be based on completion of relevant training other than the professional development of continuing education that is required by the employer or by State law, and integration of that training into instruction in a meaningful way.

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Policy:po3132

Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3132 - VACANCIES

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education to employ the best qualified individual for any District vacancy at any level.

Vacancies shall be announced, and all members of the professional staff shall be eligible for consideration for any District vacancy, providing they are properly qualified.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures to facilitate identification and evaluation of candidates for administrative, supervisory, and other leadership positions.

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Policy:po3139

Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3139 - **STAFF DISCIPLINE**

Whenever it becomes necessary to discipline a member of the staff, the Superintendent shall utilize related procedures described in the current negotiated agreement, to the extent not inconsistent with the current negotiated agreement, the following principles and procedures.

A teacher may only be discharged, demoted or otherwise disciplined for a reason that is not arbitrary or capricious. In all instances, discipline, discharge and demotion shall occur in accordance with the statutory requirements under the Teacher Tenure Act and the Revised School Code.

The administrator/Superintendent shall conduct an investigation of any alleged act or omission by a teacher that could result in disciplinary action. The teacher shall be provided with oral or written notice of the issue or incident being investigated.

The investigation shall include, at a minimum, interviews of appropriate persons and a meeting with the subject teacher and, if requested or if required by the bargaining agreement, his/her designated representative (either another employee or a union representative if part of a bargaining unit) to allow the teacher an opportunity to respond to the complaint. Prior notice of this meeting shall be provided to the teacher for any discipline that may result in a suspension or loss of pay. The meeting shall not proceed without the teacher's designated representative; however, the meeting shall not be unduly delayed to secure the attendance of the teacher's preferred representative. The District may substitute another representative from the union to timely process the investigation.

After completion of the investigation, if discipline is to be imposed, the teacher shall receive written notice of the discipline and this notice shall also be placed in the teacher's file.

Discipline may include, but is not limited to:

- A. written warning;
- B. written reprimand;
- C. suspension (paid or unpaid);
- D. discharge;
- E. financial penalty in accordance with Michigan law.

The District does not have to apply discipline in a progressive manner, but, rather, may impose discipline consistent with the seriousness of the teacher's conduct, as determined by the District. Additionally, nothing in this policy limits the District's right to take other appropriate action, such as placing a teacher on administrative leave during the pendency of an investigation or issuing a counseling memorandum, which is considered instructional, not disciplinary.

If it appears that disciplinary action beyond written reprimand may be necessary, the administrator should contact the Superintendent to discuss the disciplinary action that is to be taken.

The following disciplinary actions may only be imposed by the Board in adherence with the requirements of the Teacher Tenure Act:

- A. discharge of a tenured or probationary teacher;
- B. demotion of a tenured teacher (which includes suspension for fifteen (15) or more consecutive days without pay or a reduction in compensation by more than equivalent of thirty (30) days compensation in one (1) school year);
- C. non-renewal of a probationary teacher.

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Legal References: M.C.L. 38.101 et seq., 38.74, 380.1230d, 380.1535a

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Policy:po3140
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3140 - TERMINATION AND RESIGNATION

TERMINATION

An employment contract may be suspended or terminated, upon a majority vote of the Board of Education. In such cases, the Board shall abide by due process and such terms as may be set forth in a negotiated, collectively-bargained agreement, the Teacher Tenure Act or the individual contract, as applicable.

Employees and those under contract to work regularly and continuously in the schools, whether part-time or full-time, may not continue employment with the Board if a criminal history records check or other authoritative source reveals a conviction of a "listed" offense under M.C.L. 28.722.

Individuals convicted of a non-listed felony may not continue to work unless both the Superintendent and the Board give written approval. Such conviction(s) may subject professional staff to discharge or demotion of a teacher on continuing tenure. The State Board of Education will be notified of the report of conviction(s) as required by law.

RESIGNATION

A professional staff member may resign in accordance with the terms of the negotiated, collective-bargained agreement or his/her employment contract.

An administrator may resign by filing a written resignation with the Superintendent at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the resignation.

A resignation, once accepted, may not then be rescinded.

The Superintendent may act for the Board in the acceptance of a resignation.

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Revised 1/21/09
Revised 6/13/12

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Policy:po3142
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3142 - PROBATIONARY TEACHERS

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to employ only those professional staff members best trained and equipped to meet the educational needs of the students of this District. The Board shall discharge that obligation by retaining in service only those probationary teachers who meet those standards.

Teachers, new to the District, who have not previously acquired tenure in the State of Michigan, will be in a probationary status for the first five (5) years of employment before becoming eligible for tenure in the District, except as provided below. A teacher must receive ratings of Effective or Highly Effective on the last three (3) annual performance evaluations to achieve tenure.

Probationary teachers who are rated highly effective on the annual performance evaluation in years two (2), three (3) and four (4) achieve tenure after four (4) years. Any teacher having tenure in the district as of July 19, 2011, will not be required to serve additional probation.

Teachers, new to the District, or those that have not previously acquired tenure in the State of Michigan, will be in a probationary status for the first five (5) years of employment before becoming eligible for tenure in the District, except as provided below by Public Act 101 (HB 4625) Amendments to the Teacher Tenure Act.

Evaluating Probationary Teachers:

The Superintendent shall ensure that all probationary teachers are provided an Individualized Development Plan, evaluated in a timely manner by appropriate administrators, notified of areas of which performance is not meeting expectations, and are provided assistance in improving their performance.

- Annual year-end evaluations based on multiple classroom observations. Evaluation must include at least an assessment of progress toward goals of Individualized Development Plan (IDP).
- IDP for all years of probationary period.
- Mid-year progress report for first year probationary teachers (see requirements below.)
- Teachers must be rated as Effective or Highly Effective on three most recent annual year-end performance evaluations and have been employed at least five (5) full school years. Importance of third year: if rated less than Effective in the 3rd of five (5) years, it is impossible to achieve tenure in the district.

- "Fast Track Provision" - If a teacher has been rated as Highly Effective on three consecutive annual year-end performance evaluations and has completed at least four (4) full school years of employment in a probationary period, the teacher shall be considered to have successfully completed the probationary period.
- Districts cannot increase probationary period or serve more than one (1) probationary period in any one school district.

The Board shall annually review the performance of all probationary teachers by a date adequate to ensure timely compliance with all statutory, contractual, and other applicable timelines. The Superintendent shall provide to the Board a written recommendation with regard to each such teacher specifically noting the extent to which the probationary teacher's performance is meeting District expectations. On the basis of its review, the Board may, in its discretion, 1) non-renew employment based on unsatisfactory performance; or 2) continue the probationary period of employment if not otherwise eligible for tenure (not to exceed the statutory probation periods). The Board's review of such recommendation shall comport with all applicable statutory, contractual, or other legal requirements.

The Superintendent shall ensure that appropriate notices of the Board's actions are timely sent and delivered to all affected probationary teachers. The Superintendent shall further ensure that appropriate guidelines are drafted implementing the requirements of the Teacher Tenure Act.

A teacher who is in a probationary period may be dismissed from his/her employment by the Board at anytime.

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Revised 2/5/01

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Policy:po3143

Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3143 - NON-RENEWAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

In terminating the contract of an administrator, the Board of Education shall provide notice of the pending action to the administrator at least sixty (60) days prior to the termination date. It shall also advise the administrator, in writing, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date it actually will act on the non-renewal, of its intent not to renew, the reasons for the non-renewal, and of his/her right to a meeting with the Board during the thirty (30) day period to discuss these reasons in closed or open session. The reasons for non-renewal shall not be arbitrary nor capricious.

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Legal References: M.C.L. 380.132; 380.247; 380.346; 380.471(a)

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Policy:po3160
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3160 - **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

The Board of Education or Superintendent reserves the right to require any employee or candidate, after a conditional offer of employment, to submit to an examination in order to determine the physical and/or mental capacity to perform assigned duties. Such examinations shall be done in accordance with the Superintendent's guidelines and/or the terms of the negotiated, collectively-bargained agreements.

Reports of all such examinations or evaluations shall be delivered to the Superintendent, who shall protect their confidentiality. Reports will be discussed with the employee or candidate. Any and all reports of such examination will be maintained in a separate confidential personnel file in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA).

In the event of a report of a condition that could influence job performance, the Superintendent shall base a nonemployment recommendation to the Board upon a conference with a physician and substantiation that the condition is directly correlated to defined job responsibilities and reasonable accommodation will not allow the employee or prospective employee to adequately fulfill those responsibilities.

The Board shall assume any uninsured fees for required examinations.

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Legal References:	29 C.F.R. Part 1630
	29 C.F.R. Part 1635
	42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
	42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq., The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

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Policy:po3161
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3161 - UNREQUESTED LEAVES OF ABSENCE

It is the policy of the Board of Education to protect students and employees from the effects of unwell professional staff members.

The Board may place a professional staff member on unrequested leave of absence for physical or mental inability to perform assigned duties in conformance with statute and the negotiated, collective-bargained agreement.

In the case of a professional staff member who is unable to function properly in this District by reason of physical or mental condition, the professional staff member will be offered the opportunity for a hearing.

If a professional staff member fails to comply with the Superintendent's recommendation or fails to request an appearance before the Board within the time allowed, the Board shall order the professional staff member to submit to an appropriate examination by:

- A. a physician designated and compensated by the Board;
- B. a physician or institution of the professional staff member's choice.

Where the physician designated by the Board disagrees with the physician designated by the professional staff member, the two (2) physicians shall agree in good faith on a third impartial physician who shall examine the professional staff member and whose medical opinion shall be conclusive and binding on the issue of medical capacity to perform assigned duties. The expenses of a third examination shall be borne by the Board.

If, as a result of such examination, the professional staff member is found to be unable to perform assigned duties, the professional staff member shall be placed on leave of absence until proof of recovery, satisfactory to the Board, is furnished or for a period not to exceed 180 calendar days.

Should a professional staff member refuse to submit to the examination requested by the Board and the professional staff member has exercised his/her rights under the provisions hereinabove set forth, such refusal shall subject the professional staff member to disciplinary action.

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Policy:po3170
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3170 - **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

The Board of Education recognizes alcoholism and drug abuse as treatable illnesses. When such illnesses impair the performance of professional staff members, the Board recognizes the responsibility to assist in a manner recommended by appropriate specialists in the treatment of those illnesses.

A professional staff member having an illness or other problem relating to the use of alcohol or other drugs will receive the same careful consideration and offer of assistance that is presently extended to professional staff members having any other illness.

The responsibility to correct unsatisfactory job performance or behavior resulting from a suspected health problem rests with the professional staff member. Failure to do so will result in appropriate corrective or disciplinary action as determined by the Board.

No professional staff member will have his/her job security or promotion opportunities jeopardized by his/her request for counseling or referral assistance.

Professional staff members who suspect they may have an alcohol or other drug abuse problem are encouraged to seek counseling and information on a confidential basis by contacting resources available for such service.

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Policy:po3170.01
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3170.01 - **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)**

The Board of Education believes that early recognition and treatment of illegal drug use, controlled substance abuse, or alcohol abuse is important for successful rehabilitation, return to productive work, and reduced personal, family, and social disruption.

The District encourages the earliest possible diagnosis and treatment for illegal drug use or controlled substance abuse and supports sound treatment efforts. Whenever feasible, the District will assist staff members in overcoming illegal drug use or controlled substance abuse. However, the decision to seek diagnosis and accept treatment for illegal drug use or controlled substance abuse is primarily the individual staff member's responsibility. Any costs associated with treatment in excess of those costs covered by the staff member's medical insurance plan shall be borne by the individual.

Staff members with personal drug or controlled substance abuse problems should request assistance from the Superintendent's Office. Assistance will be provided on a confidential basis, and each staff member will be referred to the appropriate treatment and counseling services.

Although the District will assist a staff member to the extent feasible through the Employee Assistance Program, the Board cannot guarantee that the staff member's use of illegal drugs or abuse of alcohol or controlled substances will not impact adversely the staff member's employment status through disciplinary procedures.

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Section: 3000 Profes

3210 - STAFF ETHICS

An effective educational program requires the services of men and women of integrity, high ideals, and human understanding. To maintain and promote these essentials, the Board of Education expects all professional staff members to maintain high standards in their working relationships, and in the performance of their professional duties, to:

A. Responsibility to the Profession

1. demonstrate responsibility for oneself as an ethical professional;
2. acknowledge, address and attempt to resolve ethical issues in an appropriate manner;
3. promote and advance the profession within and beyond the school community;

B. Responsibility to Professional Competence

1. demonstrate commitment to high standards of practice;
2. demonstrate responsible use of data, materials, research and assessment;
3. act in the best interest of all students;

C. Responsibility to Students

1. respect the rights and dignity of students;
2. demonstrate an ethic of care for students;
3. maintain student trust and confidentiality in a developmentally appropriate manner and within appropriate limits;

D. Responsibility to the School Community

1. promote effective and appropriate relationships with parents/guardians;
2. promote effective and appropriate relationships with colleagues;
3. promote effective and appropriate relationships with the community and other stakeholders;
4. promote effective and appropriate relationships with employers;
5. understand the problematic nature of dual or multiple relationships;

E. Responsible and Ethical Use of Technology

1. use technology in a responsible manner;
 2. ensure student safety and well-being when using technology;
 3. maintain confidentiality in the use of technology;
 4. promote the appropriate use of technology in educational settings;
- F. recognize basic dignities of all individuals with whom they interact in the performance of duties;
- G. represent accurately their qualifications;
- H. exercise due care to protect the mental and physical safety of students, colleagues, and subordinates;
- I. seek and apply the knowledge and skills appropriate to assigned responsibilities;
- J. keep in confidence legally-confidential information as they may secure;
- K. ensure that their actions or those of another on their behalf are not made with specific intent of advancing private economic interests;
- L. avoid accepting anything of value offered by another for the purpose of influencing judgment;
- M. refrain from using position or public property, or permitting another person to use an employee's position or public property for partisan political or religious purposes. This will not be implemented in a manner that limits constitutionally or legally protected rights as a citizen.

In keeping with the ethical responsibilities of the professional staff, the Board of Education prohibits staff from engaging in a romantic or sexual relationship of any kind with students of this District, regardless of the student's age. Professional staff should not provide alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, or any other contraband to a student.

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Legal References: Michigan Code of Educational Ethics
M.C.L. 750.520b, 750.520c, 750.520d, 750.520e

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Policy:po3211
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3211 - WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

The Board of Education expects all its employees to be honest and ethical in their conduct, and to comply with applicable State and Federal law, Board policies and administrative guidelines. The Board encourages and requires staff to report possible violations of these Board expectations. Parents, volunteers, contractors and concerned citizens are encouraged to report possible violations, when done in good faith belief.

It is the responsibility of an employee who is aware of conduct on the part of any Board member or employee that possibly violates Federal or State law, or Board policy, to call this conduct to the attention of his/her immediate supervisor. If the employee's immediate supervisor is not responsive or is the employee whose behavior is in question, the employee may report to the Superintendent. If the reported conduct relates to the Superintendent, the report may be filed directly with the Board President.

After such a report is made, the employee will be asked to put the report in writing. Any employee making such a report shall be protected from discipline, retaliation, or reprisal for making such report as long as the employee had a good faith belief as to the accuracy of any information reported. Employees are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, for knowingly making a false report under this policy. Employees may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, if they are aware of a violation of Federal, State, or local law involving or relating to the business of the District and they do not make a report confirmed in writing to a supervisor in accordance with this policy.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines necessary for implementation of this policy, including the development of forms upon which such reports may be made.

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Legal References: M.C.L. 15.361 et seq.

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Policy:po3213
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3213 - STUDENT SUPERVISION AND WELFARE

Professional staff members because of their proximity to students are frequently confronted with situations which, if handled incorrectly, could result in liability to the District and personal liability to the professional staff member. It is the intent of the Board of Education to direct the preparation of guidelines that would minimize that possibility.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to prepare administrative guidelines to ensure the maintenance of the following standards:

- A. Each professional staff member shall maintain a standard of care for supervision, control, and protection of students commensurate with assigned duties and responsibilities.
- B. A professional staff member should not volunteer to assume responsibility for duties s/he cannot reasonably perform. Such assumption carries the same responsibilities as assigned duties.
- C. A professional staff member shall provide proper instruction in the safety matters presented in assigned course guides.
- D. Each professional staff member shall immediately report to the principal any accident or safety hazard s/he detects.
- E. Each professional staff member shall immediately report to the principal any knowledge of threats of violence by students.
- F. A professional staff member shall not send students on any personal errands.
- G. A professional staff member shall not associate with students, at any time in a manner which gives the appearance of impropriety, including, but not limited to, the creation or participation in any situation or activity which could be considered abusive or sexually suggestive or involve illegal substances such as tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.

This provision should not be construed as precluding a professional staff member from associating with students in private for legitimate or proper reasons.

- H. If a student comes to a staff member to seek advice or to ask questions regarding a personal problem related to sexual behavior, substance abuse, mental or physical health, and/or family relationships, the staff member may help the student make contact with certified or licensed individuals in the District or community who specialize in the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of the student's problem. Under no circumstances should a staff member attempt, unless properly licensed and authorized to do so, to counsel, assess, diagnose, or treat the student's problem or behavior.

- I. A professional staff member shall not transport students in a private vehicle without the approval of the principal.
- J. A student shall not be required to perform work or services that may be detrimental to his/her health.

Most information concerning a child in school, other than directory information described in Policy 8330, is confidential under Federal and State laws. Any staff member who shares confidential information with another person not authorized to receive the information may be subject to discipline or civil liability. This includes, but is not limited to, information concerning assessments, grades, behavior, family background, and alleged child abuse.

Pursuant to the laws of the State and Board Policy 8462, each professional staff member shall report to the proper legal authorities immediately, any sign of suspected child abuse or neglect.

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Policy:po3214
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3214 - **STAFF GIFTS**

The Board of Education considers the presentation of gifts to professional staff members by students and their parents an undesirable practice because it tends to embarrass students with limited means and gives the appearance of currying favor.

However, based on the foregoing premise, it is the policy of the Board that professional staff members may accept gifts of nominal value from students or parents.

It is suggested that if a professional staff member wishes to give a gift, s/he may do so as a gift to the classroom, for example, library books or other educational resources for the class.

The Superintendent may approve acts of generosity to individual staff members in unusual situations.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board shall consider, as appropriate, the presentation of token gifts to retiring members of the staff who have rendered service for a period of time.

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Policy:po3215
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3215 - USE OF TOBACCO BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The Board of Education recognizes that the use of tobacco presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences both for the user and the nonuser and is, therefore, of concern to the Board.

For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including a cigar, cigarette, pipe, snuff, or any other matter or substances that contain tobacco.

In order to protect students and staff who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco by professional staff members in District buildings, on District buses and/or at any District-related event.

The Board has adopted a tobacco-free school policy prohibiting all tobacco use in all school situations, twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week, 365 days per year.

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Policy:po3216
Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3216 - STAFF DRESS AND GROOMING

The Board of Education believes that professional staff members set an example in dress and grooming for their students to follow. A professional staff member who understands this precept and adheres to it enlarges the importance of his/her task, presents an image of dignity, and encourages respect for authority. These factors act in a positive manner toward the maintenance of discipline.

The Board retains the authority to specify the following dress and grooming guidelines for staff that will prevent such matters from having an adverse impact on the educational process. When assigned to District duty, all professional staff members shall:

- A. be physically clean, neat, and well groomed;
- B. dress in a manner consistent with their professional responsibilities;
- C. dress in a manner that communicates to students a pride in personal appearance;
- D. dress in a manner that does not cause damage to District property.

The Board recognizes employees' right to dress in accordance with their gender identity, within the constraints of the preceding dress and grooming guidelines.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy.

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3217 - WEAPONS

The Board of Education prohibits professional staff members from possessing, storing, making, or using a weapon in any setting that is under the control and supervision of the District for the purpose of school activities approved and authorized by the District including, but not limited to, property leased, owned, or contracted for by the District, a school-sponsored event, or in a District vehicle.

The term "weapon" means any object which, in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented, is capable of inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapon, ammunition, and explosives.

The Superintendent shall refer a staff member who violates this policy to law enforcement officials. The staff member will also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, as permitted by applicable Board policy and the terms of existing collective bargaining agreements.

Exceptions to this policy include starter pistols used in appropriate sporting events.

Staff members shall report knowledge of dangerous weapons and/or threats of violence by students, staff members, or visitors to the immediate supervisor. Failure to report such information may subject the staff member to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

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3220 - PROFESSIONAL STAFF EVALUATION

The Board of Education, through the powers derived from the School Code and other relevant statutes, is responsible for the employment and discharge of all personnel. To carry out this responsibility, with the involvement of professional staff, it delegates to the Superintendent the function of establishing and implementing a rigorous, transparent, and fair performance evaluation system that does all of the following:

- A. evaluates the employee's job performance at least annually in a year-end evaluation, while providing timely and constructive feedback

Teachers rated highly effective on three (3) consecutive year-end evaluations may be evaluated every other year, at the District's discretion.

- B. establishes clear approaches to measuring student growth and provides professional staff with relevant data on student growth

based on the most recent three (3) consecutive school years of student growth data, or all available student growth data if less than three (3) years is available.

- C. evaluates an employee's job performance, using rating categories of highly effective, effective, minimally effective and ineffective, which take into account student growth and assessment data. For the 2018-2019 school year, twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual year-end evaluation shall be based on student growth and assessment data. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, forty percent (40%) of the annual year-end evaluation shall be based on student growth and assessment data.

Evaluations must also comply with the following:

1. The portion of a teacher's annual year-end evaluation that is not based on student growth and assessment data shall be based primarily on a teacher's performance as measured by the District as described below.
2. Beginning with the 2018 - 2019 school year, for core content areas in grades and subjects in which state assessments are administered, fifty percent (50%) of student growth must be measured using the state assessments, and the portion of student growth not measured using state assessments must be measured using multiple research-based growth measures or alternative assessments that are rigorous and comparable across schools within the District. Student growth also may be measured by student learning objectives or nationally normed or locally adopted assessments that are aligned to state standards, or based on achievement of individualized education program goals.

3. The portion of a teacher's evaluation that is not measured using student growth and assessment data or using the evaluation tool developed or adopted by the District shall incorporate criteria enumerated in section M.C.L. 380.1248(1)(b)(i) to (iii) that are not otherwise evaluated under the tool. (See Policy 3131.)
4. If there are student growth and assessment data available for a teacher for at least three (3) school years, the annual year-end evaluation shall be based on the student growth and assessment data for the most recent three (3) consecutive-school-year period. If there are not student growth and assessment data available for a teacher for at least three (3) school years, the annual year-end evaluation shall be based on all student growth and assessment data that are available for the teacher.

D. uses the evaluations, at a minimum, to inform decisions regarding all of the following:

1. the effectiveness of employees, so that they are given ample opportunities for improvement
2. promotion, retention, and development of employees, including providing relevant coaching, instruction support, or professional development
3. whether to grant tenure or full certification, or both, to employees, using rigorous standards and streamlined, transparent, and fair procedures
4. removing ineffective tenured and untenured employees after they have had ample opportunities to improve, and providing that these decisions are made using rigorous standards and streamlined, transparent, and fair procedures

E. provides a mid-year progress report for every teacher who is in the first year of probation or has received a rating of minimally effective or ineffective on the most recent annual year-end evaluation

This mid-year report shall not replace the annual year-end evaluation. The mid-year report shall:

1. be based, at least in part, on student achievement;
2. be aligned with the teacher's individualized development plan;
3. include specific performance goals and any recommended training for the remainder of the school year, as well as a written improvement plan developed in consultation with the teacher that incorporates the goals and training.

F. includes classroom observations in accordance with the following:

1. must include a review of the lesson plan, State curriculum standards being taught and student engagement in the lesson;
2. must include multiple observations unless the teacher has received an effective or higher rating on the last two (2) year-end evaluations;
3. observations need not be for an entire class period;

4. at least one (1) observation must be unscheduled;
5. the school administrator responsible for the teacher's performance evaluation shall conduct at least one (1) of the observations;

Other observations may be conducted by other observers who are trained in the use of the evaluation tool as described below. These other observers may be teacher leaders.

6. the district shall ensure that, within thirty (30) days after each observation, the teacher is provided with feedback from the observation.
- G. For the purposes of conducting annual year-end evaluations under the performance evaluation system, the District will adopt and implement one (1) or more of the evaluation tools for teachers that are included on the list established and maintained by the Michigan Department of Education ("MDE").

The evaluation tool(s) shall be used consistently among the schools operated by the District so that all similarly situated teachers are evaluated using the same evaluation tool.

- H. The District will post on its public website all of the following information about the measures it uses for its performance evaluation system for teachers:
1. The research base for the evaluation framework, instrument, and process or, if the District adapts or modifies an evaluation tool from the MDE list, the research base for the listed evaluation tool and an assurance that the adaptations or modifications do not compromise the validity of that research base.
 2. The identity and qualifications of the author or authors or, if the District adapts or modifies an evaluation tool from the MDE list, the identity and qualifications of a person with expertise in teacher evaluations who has reviewed the adapted or modified evaluation tool.
 3. Either evidence of reliability, validity, and efficacy or a plan for developing that evidence or, if the District adapts or modifies an evaluation tool from the MDE list, an assurance that the adaptations or modifications do not compromise the reliability, validity, or efficacy of the evaluation tool or the evaluation process.
 4. The evaluation frameworks and rubrics with detailed descriptors for each performance level on key summative indicators.
 5. A description of the processes for conducting classroom observations, collecting evidence, conducting evaluation conferences, developing performance ratings, and developing performance improvement plans.
 6. A description of the plan for providing evaluators and observers with training.

I. The District shall also:

1. Provide training to teachers on the evaluation tool(s) used by the District in its performance evaluation system and how each evaluation tool is used. This training may be provided by a district or by a consortium consisting of the District, the intermediate school district or a public school academy.
2. Ensure that training is provided to all evaluators and observers. The training shall be provided by an individual who has expertise in the evaluation tool or tools used by the District, which may include either a consultant on that evaluation tool or framework or an individual who has been trained to train others in the use of the evaluation tool or tools. The District may provide the training in the use of the evaluation tool or tools if the trainer has expertise in the evaluation tool or tools.

The staff evaluation program shall aim at the early identification of specific areas in which the individual professional staff member needs help so that appropriate assistance may be provided or arranged for. A supervisor offering suggestions for improvement to a professional staff member shall not release that professional staff member from the responsibility to improve. If a professional staff member, after receiving a reasonable degree of assistance, fails to perform his/her assigned responsibilities in a satisfactory manner, dismissal, or non-renewal procedures may be invoked. A teacher rated as "ineffective" on three (3) consecutive year-end evaluations must be dismissed from employment as a teacher with the District. In such an instance, all relevant evaluation documents may be used in the proceedings.

If a non-probationary teacher is rated as ineffective on an annual year-end evaluation, the teacher may request a review of the evaluation and the rating by the Superintendent. The request for a review must be submitted in writing within twenty (20) days after the teacher is informed of the rating. Upon receipt of the request, the Superintendent shall review the evaluation and rating and may make any modifications as appropriate based on his/her review. However, the performance evaluation system shall not allow for a review as described in this subdivision more than twice in a three (3) school-year period.

The District shall not assign a student to be taught in the same subject area for two (2) consecutive years by a teacher who has been rated as ineffective on his/her two (2) most recent annual year-end evaluations. If the District is unable to comply with this and plans to assign a student to be taught in the same subject area for two (2) consecutive years by a teacher who has been rated as ineffective on his/her two (2) most recent annual year-end evaluations, the Board will notify the student's parent or legal guardian in writing not later than July 15 immediately preceding the beginning of the school year for which the student is assigned to the teacher, that the District is unable to comply and that the student has been assigned to be taught in the same subject area for a second consecutive year by a teacher who has been rated as ineffective on his/her two (2) most recent annual year-end evaluations. The notification shall include an explanation of why the Board is unable to comply.

Evaluations shall be conducted of each professional staff member as stipulated in the Teacher Tenure Act, the revised School Code, a negotiated agreement or contract, the Superintendent's administrative guidelines and as directed by the Michigan Department of Education. A professional staff member shall be given a copy of any documents relating to his/her performance which are to be placed in the personnel file.

This policy shall not deprive a professional staff member of any rights provided by State law or contractual rights consistent with State law.

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3225 - EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for annually evaluating other administrative personnel. The Superintendent shall communicate with the Board members either by providing a summary of the evaluations for each administrator or providing copies of the evaluation for each Board member. The communication shall indicate the Superintendent's recommendation as to the employment status of the administrator. After reviewing the summaries or evaluations, Board members shall indicate to the Superintendent whether or not they wish to discuss certain individual evaluations in light of areas which may infer that possible discipline, suspension or dismissal is indicated, or that certain complaints should be heard. The superintendent shall give the administrator(s) so specified the opportunity to determine whether or not the review shall be held in a closed or open meeting. Only those portions of the evaluation which might relate to complaints, discipline, suspension, or dismissal shall be discussed if the meeting is closed. The Superintendent shall be responsible to review the evaluation with the administrators.

The evaluation shall be according to criteria and goals cooperatively developed by the Superintendent and each administrator, using an evaluation process mutually agreed upon by the Superintendent and administrative staff.

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3231 - OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES OF STAFF

It is the policy of the Board of Education that professional staff members avoid situations in which their personal interests, activities, and associations may conflict with the interests of the District. If such situations occur, the Superintendent shall evaluate the impact of such activity or association upon the professional staff member's responsibilities and take appropriate action as necessary.

- A. Staff members should not give work time to an outside interest, activity, or association without valid reason to be excused from assigned duties.
- B. Staff members shall not use school property or school time to solicit or accept customers for private enterprises without written administrative permission.
- C. Staff members shall not engage in business transactions on behalf of personal or *private* enterprise in which s/he may profit by virtue of his/her official position or authority or benefit financially from confidential information which the employee has obtained or may obtain by reason of his/her position or authority.
- D. Staff members on duty shall not campaign on school property on behalf of any political issue or candidate for local, State, or National office.
- E. Staff members may not accept fees for tutoring when such tutoring is conducted during the normal work day.
- F. Staff members may not accept fees for tutoring, private lessons, or other activities related to their professional duties for students currently enrolled in one (1) or more of their classes or on their case load without prior written administrative permission.

Research and Publishing

- A. Professional staff members are encouraged to contribute articles to professional publications and to engage in approved professional research.
- B. Materials which might be considered for publication and/or production, which identify the District in any manner, shall be cleared with the Superintendent prior to publication and/or production.

C. Publications and productions shall be subject to the following copyright provisions:

1. Rights to copyrights or patents of books, materials, devices, etc. developed by professional staff members on their own time will be relinquished by the Board upon request of the staff member provided that:
 - a. the books, materials, devices, etc. were prepared without the use of District data, facilities, and/or equipment;
 - b. the District is granted the privilege of purchasing the materials or products free of any copyright or royalty charges;
 - c. the staff member does not become involved in any way in the selling of the product to the District.

The final decision regarding whether materials were produced independently of any work assignment, and/or without using school equipment, facilities, data, or equipment rests with the Superintendent who shall submit such decisions to the Board.

Professional staff members who desire to publish or produce materials on their own time should make such action known to the Superintendent prior to the time such work is started in order that proper procedures can be established to assure that District interests and the interests of the staff member are protected.

2. All books, materials, devices, or products which result from the paid work time and/or prescribed duties of professional staff members shall remain the property of the District. The District shall retain all rights and privileges pertaining to the ownership thereof.

In the event that any of these products have commercial possibilities, the Superintendent is authorized to secure copyrights, patents, etc. which will ensure the ownership of the product by the District.

The Superintendent is authorized to negotiate with appropriate agencies for the production and distribution of products with commercial appeal. Such negotiations shall ensure fair and appropriate compensation, including sharing of royalties, for the staff member(s) who developed the products.

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3240 - PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATORS

The Board encourages members of the administrative staff to belong to and be active in professional associations which will benefit each administrator professionally and provide positive reinforcement of the educational program of the Hamtramck Public Schools.

The Board will pay the membership fees for principals and assistant principals in the regional, state and national associations with the provision that tort liability insurance coverage be included through membership in these professional organizations.

The Board will pay dues and service fees to one regional, state and national professional associations for the Superintendent and other administrators. The associations selected shall be one which serves persons in one or more of the responsibilities assumed by the administrator, and recommended by the Superintendent of schools.

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3242 - PROFESSIONAL GROWTH REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education believes that study is a prerequisite for professional growth of staff and, therefore, encourages the participation of professional staff members in in-service and other training programs.

The Superintendent shall plan and implement a program of staff development for professional staff members, and support staff members, and explore other training programs.

Such staff development programs should be designed to address the professional development needs of staff members who are working at a particular level, involved in a particular course or subject, or need to be prepared for a new assignment.

Whenever feasible, principals should participate with their staff members in order to ensure better follow-up and support.

The Board may reimburse staff members for the costs incurred in participation therein, subject to prior approval of the Superintendent.

Participation in the program shall be voluntary unless considered part of the duties of any participating staff member according to provisions in a negotiated, collectively-bargained agreement or other contractual arrangements.

During the first three (3) years of employment, each nontenured professional staff member shall be provided fifteen (15) days of professional development related to his/her Individual Development Plan. The Superintendent shall also arrange for the assignment to each such staff member of one or more mentors who have demonstrated proficiency in the teaching skills established in the staff member's IDP.

The Superintendent shall arrange to provide each member of the teaching staff with at least five (5) days of professional development annually. These days shall be in addition to any of the required fifteen (15) days of professional development provided to non-tenured teachers during their first three (3) years of teaching.

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Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3243 - PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

The Board of Education encourages opportunities for professional staff members to develop increased competence beyond that which they may attain through the performance of their assigned duties through attendance at professional meetings.

For purposes of this policy, a professional meeting shall be defined as any meeting that is related to the activities, duties, or responsibilities of professional staff members as determined by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative guidelines to implement this policy.

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3310 - FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN NONINSTRUCTIONAL SETTINGS

The Board of Education acknowledges the right of its professional staff members, as citizens in a democratic society, to speak out on issues of public concern. When those issues are related to the District, however, the professional staff member's expression must be balanced against the interests of this District.

The following guidelines are adopted by the Board to help clarify and, therefore, avoid situations in which the professional staff member's expression could conflict with the District's interests. In such situations, s/he should:

- A. state clearly that his/her expression represents personal views and not necessarily those of the School District;
- B. refrain from expressions that would disrupt harmony among co-workers or interfere with the maintenance of discipline by school officials;
- C. not make threats or abusive or personally-defamatory comments about co-workers, administrators, or officials of the District;
- D. refrain from making public expressions which s/he knows to be false or are made without regard for truth or accuracy.

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Section: 3000 Professional Staff

3362 - ANTI-HARASSMENT

General Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maintain an education and work environment that is free from all forms of unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment. This commitment applies to all School District operations, programs, and activities. All students, administrators, teachers, staff, and all other school personnel share responsibility for avoiding, discouraging, and reporting any form of unlawful harassment. This policy applies to unlawful conduct occurring on school property, or at another location if such conduct occurs during an activity sponsored by the Board.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against harassment based on race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") that are protected by Federal civil rights laws (hereinafter referred to as unlawful harassment), and encourages those within the School District community as well as Third Parties, who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify such problems. The Board will investigate all allegations of harassment and in those cases where unlawful harassment is substantiated, the Board will take immediate steps to end the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effects. Individuals who are found to have engaged in unlawful harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The District will offer counseling services to any person found to have been subjected to unlawful harassment, and, where appropriate, the person(s) who committed the unlawful harassment.

Other Violations of the Anti-Harassment Policy

The Board will also take immediate steps to impose disciplinary action on individuals engaging in any of the following prohibited acts:

- A. Retaliating against a person who has made a report or filed a complaint alleging unlawful harassment, or who has participated as a witness in a harassment investigation.
- B. Filing a malicious or knowingly false report or complaint of unlawful harassment.
- C. Disregarding, failing to investigate adequately, or delaying investigation of allegations of harassment, when responsibility for reporting and/or investigating unlawful harassment charges comprises part of one's supervisory duties.

Definitions

Words used in this policy shall have those meanings defined herein; words not defined herein shall be construed according to their plain and ordinary meanings.

Complainant is the individual who alleges, or is alleged, to have been subjected to unlawful harassment, regardless of whether the person files a formal complaint or is pursuing an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

Respondent is the individual who has been alleged to have engaged in unlawful harassment, regardless of whether the Reporting Party files a formal complaint or is seeking an informal resolution to the alleged harassment.

School District community means students and Board employees (i.e., administrators, and professional and classified staff), as well as Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

Third Parties include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School District property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School District community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off District property).

Day(s): Unless expressly stated otherwise, the term "day" or "days" as used in this policy means business day(s) (i.e., a day(s) that the Board office is open for normal operating hours, Monday – Friday, excluding State-recognized holidays).

Bullying

Bullying rises to the level of unlawful harassment when one or more persons systematically and chronically inflict physical hurt or psychological distress on one (1) or more students or employees and that bullying is based upon one (1) or more Protected Classes, that is, characteristics that are protected by Federal civil rights laws. It is defined as any unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior, including any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, by an adult or student, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or work environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school or work performance or participation; and may involve:

- A. teasing;
- B. threats;
- C. intimidation;
- D. stalking;
- E. cyberstalking;
- F. cyberbullying;
- G. physical violence;

- H. theft;
- I. sexual, religious, or racial harassment;
- J. public humiliation; or
- K. destruction of property.

"Harassment" means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of technology, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student or school employee that:

- A. places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property;
- B. has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or an employee's work performance; or
- C. has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.

Sexual Harassment

For purposes of this policy and consistent with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, "sexual harassment" is defined as:

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when:

- A. Submission to such conduct is made either implicitly or explicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, or status in a class, educational program, or activity.
- B. Submission or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment or educational decisions affecting such individual.
- C. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work or educational performance; of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, and/or learning environment; or of interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity.

Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of any gender against a person of the same or another gender.

Sexual Harassment covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex Education Programs or Activities is not included in this policy. Allegations of such conduct shall be addressed solely by Policy 2266.

Prohibited acts that constitute sexual harassment under this policy may take a variety of forms. Examples of the kinds of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- A. Unwelcome sexual propositions, invitations, solicitations, and flirtations.
- B. Unwanted physical and/or sexual contact.
- C. Threats or insinuations that a person's employment, wages, academic grade, promotion, classroom work or assignments, academic status, participation in athletics or extra-curricular programs, activities, or events, or other conditions of employment or education may be adversely affected by not submitting to sexual advances.
- D. Unwelcome verbal expressions, including graphic sexual commentaries about a person's body, dress, appearance, or sexual activities; the unwelcome use of sexually degrading language, profanity, jokes or innuendoes; unwelcome suggestive or insulting sounds or whistles; obscene telephone calls.
- E. Sexually suggestive objects, pictures, graffiti, videos, posters, audio recordings or literature, placed in the work or educational environment, that may reasonably embarrass or offend individuals.
- F. Unwelcome and inappropriate touching, patting, or pinching; obscene gestures.
- G. Asking about, or telling about, sexual fantasies, sexual preferences, or sexual activities.
- H. Speculations about a person's sexual activities or sexual history, or remarks about one's own sexual activities or sexual history.
- I. Giving unwelcome personal gifts such as lingerie that suggest the desire for a romantic relationship.
- J. Leering or staring at someone in a sexual way, such as staring at a person's breasts, buttocks, or groin.
- K. A pattern of conduct, which can be subtle in nature, that has sexual overtones and is intended to create or has the effect of creating discomfort and/or humiliation to another.

In the context of employees, consensual sexual relationships where such relationship leads to favoritism of a subordinate employee with whom the superior is sexually involved and where such favoritism adversely affects other employees or otherwise creates a hostile work environment.

- L. Inappropriate boundary invasions by a District employee or other adult member of the School District community into a student's personal space and personal life.
- M. Verbal, nonverbal or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex-stereotyping that does not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

Not all behavior with sexual connotations constitutes unlawful sexual harassment. Sex-based or gender-based conduct must be sufficiently severe, pervasive, and persistent such that it adversely affects, limits, or denies an individual's employment or education, or such that it creates a hostile or abusive employment or educational environment.

Race/Color Harassment

Prohibited racial harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's race or color and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work or educational performance; of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, and/or learning environment; or of interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's race or color, such as racial slurs, nicknames implying stereotypes, epithets, and/or negative references relative to racial customs.

Religious (Creed) Harassment

Prohibited religious harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's religion or creed and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work or educational performance; of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working and/or learning environment; or of interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's religious tradition, clothing, or surnames, and/or involves religious slurs.

National Origin/Ancestry Harassment

Prohibited national origin/ancestry harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's national origin or ancestry and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work or educational performance; of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working and/or learning environment; or of interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's national origin or ancestry, such as negative comments regarding customs, manner of speaking, language, surnames, or ethnic slurs.

Disability Harassment

Prohibited disability harassment occurs when unwelcome physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct is based upon an individual's disability and when the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with the individual's work or educational performance; of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working and/or learning environment; or of interfering with one's ability to participate in or benefit from a class or an educational program or activity. Such harassment may occur where conduct is directed at the characteristics of a person's disability, such as negative comments about speech patterns, movement, physical impairments or defects/appearances, or the like. Such harassment may further occur where conduct is directed at or pertains to a person's genetic information.

Anti-Harassment Compliance Officers

The following individual(s) shall serve as the District's Anti-Harassment Compliance Officer(s) (hereinafter, "the Compliance Officer(s)"):

Director of Student Services
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Hamtramck, MI 48212
(313) 892-2037
TitleIX@hamtramckschools.org

Director of Human Resources
3201 Roosevelt St
Hamtramck, MI 48212
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The names, titles, and contact information of these individuals will be published annually.

The Compliance Officer(s) are responsible for coordinating the District's efforts to comply with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including the District's duty to address in a prompt and equitable manner any inquiries or complaints regarding harassment.

The Compliance Officer(s) will be available during regular school/work hours to discuss concerns related to unlawful harassment, to assist students, other members of the District community, and third parties who seek support or advice when informing another individual about "unwelcome" conduct, or to intercede informally on behalf of the individual in those instances where concerns have not resulted in the filing of a formal complaint and where all parties are in agreement to participate in an informal process.

Compliance Officers shall accept reports of unlawful harassment directly from any member of the School District community or a Third Party or receive reports that are initially filed with an administrator, supervisor, or other District-level official. Upon receipt of a report of alleged harassment, the Compliance Officer(s) will contact the Complainant and begin either an informal or formal complaint process (depending on the request of the Complainant or the nature of the alleged harassment), or the Compliance Officer(s) will designate a specific individual to conduct such a process. The Compliance Officer(s) will provide a copy of this policy to the Complainant and Respondent. In the case of a formal complaint, the Compliance Officer(s) will prepare recommendations for the Superintendent or will oversee the preparation of such recommendations by a designee. All Board employees must report incidents of harassment that are reported to them to the Compliance Officer within two (2) days of learning of the incident.

Any Board employee who directly observes unlawful harassment is obligated, in accordance with this policy, to report such observations to the Compliance Officer(s) within two (2) days. Additionally, any Board employee who observes an act of unlawful harassment is expected to intervene to stop the harassment, unless circumstances make such an intervention dangerous, in which case the staff member should immediately notify other Board employees and/or local law enforcement officials, as necessary, to stop the harassment. Thereafter, the Compliance Officer(s) or designee must contact the Complainant, if age eighteen (18) or older, or Complainant's parents/guardians if the Complainant is under the age of eighteen (18), within two (2) days to advise of the Board's intent to investigate the alleged wrongdoing.

Reports and Complaints of Harassing Conduct

Members of the School District community along with Third Parties are encouraged to promptly report incidents of harassing conduct to an administrator, supervisor or other School District official so that the Board may address the conduct before it becomes severe, pervasive, or persistent. Any administrator, supervisor, or other District official who receives such a report shall file it with the Compliance Officer within two (2) days of receiving the report of harassment.

Members of the School District community and Third Parties who believe they have been unlawfully harassed by another member of the School District community or a Third Party are entitled to utilize the Board's complaint process that is set forth below. Initiating a complaint, whether formally or informally, will not adversely affect the Complainant's employment or participation in educational or extra-curricular programs. While there are no time limits for initiating complaints of harassment under this policy, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint as soon as possible after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

If, during an investigation of alleged bullying, aggressive behavior and/or harassment in accordance with Policy 5517.01 – Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior, the Principal believes that the reported misconduct may have created a hostile work environment and may have constituted unlawful discriminatory harassment based on a Protected Class, the Principal will report the act of bullying, aggressive behavior and/or harassment to the Compliance Officer(s) who shall investigate the allegation in accordance with this policy. If the alleged harassment involves Sexual Harassment as defined by Policy 2266, the matter will be handled in accordance with the grievance process and procedures outlined in Policy 2266. While the Compliance Officer investigates the allegation, or the matter is being addressed pursuant to Policy 2266, the Principal shall suspend the Policy 5517.01 investigation to await the Compliance Officer's written report or the determination of responsibility pursuant to Policy 2266. The Compliance Officer shall keep the Principal informed of the status of the Policy 3362 investigation and provide the Principal with a copy of the resulting written report. Likewise, the Title IX Coordinator will provide the Principal with the determination of responsibility that results from the Policy 2266 grievance process.

Investigation and Complaint Procedure (See Form 3362 F1)

Except for Sexual Harassment that is covered by Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, any employee or other member of the School District community or Third Party (e.g., visitor to the District) who believes that they have been subjected to unlawful harassment may seek resolution of the complaint through the procedures described below. The formal complaint process involves an investigation of the Complainant's claims of harassment or retaliation and a process for rendering a decision regarding whether the charges are substantiated.

Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of unlawful harassment, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. Once the formal complaint process is begun, the investigation will be completed in a timely manner (ordinarily, within fifteen (15) business days of the complaint being received).

The procedures set forth below are not intended to interfere with the rights of any individual to pursue a complaint of unlawful harassment or retaliation with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights and/or Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC").

Informal Complaint Procedure

The goal of the informal complaint procedure is promptly to stop inappropriate behavior and to facilitate resolution through an informal means, if possible. The informal complaint procedure is provided as a less formal option for a student, other member of the School District community, or Third Party who alleges unlawful harassment or retaliation. This informal procedure is not required as a precursor to the filing of a formal complaint. The informal process is only available in those circumstances where the Complainant and the Respondent mutually agree to participate in it.

The Complainant may proceed immediately to the formal complaint process and individuals who seek resolution through the informal procedure may request that the informal process be terminated at any time to move to the formal complaint process.

All complainants involving a District employee, any other adult member of the School District community, or a Third Party and a student will be formally investigated.

As an initial course of action, if a Complainant feels comfortable and safe in doing so, the individual should tell or otherwise inform the Respondent that the alleged harassing conduct is unwelcome and must stop. The Complainant should address the allegedly harassing conduct as soon after it occurs as possible. The Compliance Officers are available to support and counsel individuals when taking this initial step or to intervene on behalf of the Complainant if requested to do so. A Complainant who is uncomfortable or unwilling to directly approach the Respondent about the alleged inappropriate conduct may file an informal or a formal complaint. In addition, with regard to certain types of unlawful harassment, such as sexual harassment, the Compliance Officer may advise against the use of the informal complaint process.

A complainant may make an informal complaint, either orally or in writing: 1) to a teacher, other employee, or building administrator; 2) directly to one of the Compliance Officers; and/or 3) to the Superintendent or other District-level employee.

All informal complaints must be reported to one of the Compliance Officers who will either facilitate an informal resolution as described below, or appoint another individual to facilitate an informal resolution.

The Board's informal complaint procedure is designed to provide employees, other members of the School District community, or third parties who believe they are being unlawfully harassed with a range of options designed to bring about a resolution of their concerns. Depending upon the nature of the complaint and the wishes of the Complainant, informal resolution may involve, but not be limited to, one or more of the following:

- A. Advising the Complainant about how to communicate the unwelcome nature of the behavior to the Respondent.
- B. Distributing a copy of this policy as a reminder to the individuals in the school building or office where the Respondent works or attends.
- C. If both parties agree, the Compliance Officer may arrange and facilitate a meeting or mediation between the Complainant and the Respondent to work out a mutual resolution.

While there are no set time limits within which an informal complaint must be resolved, the Compliance Officer/designee is directed to attempt to resolve all informal complaints within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the informal complaint. If the Complainant is dissatisfied with the informal complaint process, the Complainant may proceed to file a formal complaint. And, as stated above, either party may request that the informal process be terminated at any time to move to the formal complaint process.

Formal Complaint Procedure

If a complaint is not resolved through the informal complaint process, if one of the parties has requested that the informal complaint process be terminated to move to the formal complaint process, or the Complainant, from the outset, elects to file a formal complaint, or the CO determines the allegations are not appropriate for resolution through the informal process, the formal complaint process shall be implemented.

The Complainant may file a formal complaint, either orally or in writing, with a teacher, Principal, the Compliance Officer, Superintendent, or other District official. Due to the sensitivity surrounding complaints of unlawful harassment and retaliation, timelines are flexible for initiating the complaint process; however, individuals should make every effort to file a formal complaint within thirty (30) days after the conduct occurs while the facts are known and potential witnesses are available. If a Complainant informs a teacher, Principal, Superintendent, or other District official, either orally or in writing, about any complaint of harassment or retaliation, that employee must report such information to the Compliance Officer/designee within two (2) business days.

Throughout the course of the process, the Compliance Officer should keep the parties reasonably informed of the status of the investigation and the decision-making process.

All formal complaints must include the following information to the extent known: the identity of the Respondent; a detailed description of the facts upon which the complaint is based (i.e., when, where, and what occurred); a list of potential witnesses; and the resolution sought by the Complainant.

If the Complainant is unwilling or unable to provide a written statement including the information set forth above, the Compliance Officer shall ask for such details in an oral interview. Thereafter, the Compliance Officer will prepare a written summary of the oral interview, and the Complainant will be asked to verify the accuracy of the reported charge by signing the document.

Upon receiving a formal complaint, the Compliance Officer will consider whether any action should be taken in the investigatory phase to protect the Complainant from further harassment or retaliation, including, but not limited to, a change of work assignment or schedule for the Complainant and/or the Respondent. In making such a determination, the Compliance Officer should consult the Complainant to assess whether the individual agrees with the proposed action. If the Complainant is unwilling to consent to the proposed change, the Compliance Officer may still take whatever actions deemed appropriate in consultation with the Superintendent.

Within two (2) business days of receiving the complaint, the Compliance Officer/designee will initiate a formal investigation to determine whether the Complainant has been subjected to offensive conduct/harassment/retaliation. The Principal will not conduct an investigation unless directed to do so by the Compliance Officer.

Simultaneously, the Compliance Officer will inform the Respondent that a formal complaint has been received. The Respondent will be informed about the nature of the allegations and provided with a copy of any relevant policies and/or administrative guidelines, including the Board's Anti-Harassment policy. The Respondent must also be informed of the opportunity to submit a written response to the formal complaint within five (5) days.

Although certain cases may require additional time, the Compliance Officer/designee will attempt to complete an investigation into the allegations of harassment/retaliation within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the formal complaint. The investigation will include:

- A. interviews with the Complainant;
- B. interviews with the Respondent;
- C. interviews with any other witnesses who may reasonably be expected to have any information relevant to the allegations;
- D. consideration of any documentation or other information presented by the Complainant, Respondent, or any other witness that is reasonably believed to be relevant to the allegations.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the Compliance Officer/designee shall prepare and deliver a written report to the Superintendent that summarizes the evidence gathered during the investigation and provides recommendations based on the evidence and the definition of unlawful harassment as provided in Board policy and State and Federal law as to whether the Respondent engaged in unlawful harassment/retaliation of the Complainant. The Compliance Officer's recommendations must be based upon the totality of the circumstances. In determining if discriminatory harassment or retaliation occurred, a preponderance of evidence standard will be used. The Compliance Officer may consult with the Board's legal counsel before finalizing the report to the Superintendent.

Absent extenuating circumstances, within five (5) business days of receiving the report of the Compliance Officer/designee, the Superintendent must either issue a final decision regarding whether the complaint of harassment has been substantiated or request further investigation. A copy of the Superintendent's written decision will be delivered to both the Complainant and the Respondent.

If the Superintendent requests additional investigation, the Superintendent must specify the additional information that is to be gathered, and such additional investigation must be completed within five (5) business days. At the conclusion of the additional investigation, the Superintendent must issue a written decision as described above.

The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.

In an attempt to resolve the complaint, the Board shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative within twenty (20) business days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each party within ten (10) business days of this meeting. The decision of the Board will be final.

The Board reserves the right to investigate and resolve a complaint or report of unlawful harassment/retaliation regardless of whether the member of the School District community or Third Party alleging the unlawful harassment/retaliation pursues the complaint. The Board also reserves the right to have the formal complaint investigation conducted by an external person in accordance with this policy or in such other manner as deemed appropriate by the Board or its designee.

The parties may be represented, at their own cost, at any of the above-described meetings/hearings.

The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, the filing of charges with local law enforcement, or the filing of a civil action in court. Use of this internal complaint process is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

Privacy/Confidentiality

The District will employ all reasonable efforts to protect the rights of the Complainant, the Respondent, and the witnesses as much as possible, consistent with the Board's legal obligations to investigate, to take appropriate action, and to conform with any discovery or disclosure obligations. All records generated under the terms of this policy and related administrative guidelines shall be maintained as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Confidentiality, however, cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the Respondent must be provided the Complainant's identity.

During the course of a formal investigation, the Compliance Officer/designee will instruct all members of the School District community and third parties who are interviewed about the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Any individual who is interviewed as part of a harassment investigation is expected not to disclose any information that is learned or provided during the course of the investigation.

Sanctions and Monitoring

The Board shall vigorously enforce its prohibitions against unlawful harassment/retaliation by taking appropriate action reasonably calculated to stop the harassment and prevent further such harassment. While observing the principles of due process, a violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including the discharge of an employee or the suspension/expulsion of a student. All disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with applicable State law and the terms of the relevant collective bargaining agreement(s). When imposing discipline, the Superintendent shall consider the totality of the circumstances involved in the matter, including the ages and maturity levels of those involved. In those cases where unlawful harassment is not substantiated, the Board may consider whether the alleged conduct nevertheless warrants discipline in accordance with other Board policies, consistent with the terms of the relevant collective bargaining agreement(s).

Where the Board becomes aware that a prior remedial action has been taken against a member of the School District community, all subsequent sanctions imposed by the Board and/or Superintendent shall be reasonably calculated to end such conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effects.

Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who makes a report or files a complaint alleging unlawful harassment/retaliation or participates as a witness in an investigation is prohibited. Neither the Board nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or interfere with any individual because the person opposed any act or practice made unlawful by any Federal or State civil right law, or because that individual made a report, formal complaint testified, assisted or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under those laws and/or the policy, or because that individual exercised, enjoyed, aided or encouraged any other person in the exercise or enjoyment of any right granted or protected by those laws and/or this policy.

Retaliation against a person for making a report of discrimination, filing a formal complaint, or participating in an investigation or meeting is a serious violation of this policy that can result in imposition of disciplinary sanctions/consequences and/or other appropriate remedies.

Formal complaints alleging retaliation may be filed according to the internal complaint process set forth above.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this policy.

Allegations Constituting Criminal Conduct: Child Abuse/Sexual Misconduct

State law requires any school teacher or school employee who knows or suspects that a child under the age of eighteen (18) or that a person with a disability receiving services as a student from the school regardless of age has suffered or faces a threat of suffering a physical or mental wound, disability or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of a child to immediately report that knowledge or suspicion to the county children's services agency. If, during the course of a harassment investigation, the Compliance Officer or a designee has reason to believe or suspect that the alleged conduct reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the Complainant, a report of such knowledge must be made in accordance with State law and Board Policy.

Any reports made to a county children's services agency or to local law enforcement shall not terminate the Compliance Officer or a designee's obligation and responsibility to continue to investigate a complaint of harassment. While the Compliance Officer or a designee may work cooperatively with outside agencies to conduct concurrent investigations, in no event shall the harassment investigation be inhibited by the involvement of outside agencies without good cause after consultation with the Superintendent.

Education and Training

In support of this Anti-Harassment Policy, the Board promotes preventative educational measures to create greater awareness of unlawful discriminatory practices. The Superintendent shall provide appropriate information to all members of the School District community related to the implementation of this policy and shall provide training for District students and staff where appropriate. All training, as well as all information provided regarding the Board's policy and harassment in general, will be age and content appropriate.

Retention of Investigatory Records and Materials

The Compliance Officer(s) is responsible for overseeing retention of all records that must be maintained pursuant to this policy. All individuals charged with conducting investigations under this policy shall retain all documents, electronically stored information ("ESI"), and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created and/or received as part of an investigation, which may include but not be limited to:

- A. all written reports/allegations/complaints/grievances/statements/responses pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy;
- B. any narratives that memorialize oral reports/allegations/complaints/grievances/statements/responses pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy;
- C. any documentation that memorializes the actions taken by District personnel or individuals contracted or appointed by the Board to fulfill its responsibilities related to the investigation and/or the District's response to the alleged violation of this policy;
- D. written witness statements;
- E. narratives, notes from, or audio, video, or digital recordings of witness interviews/statements;
- F. e-mails, texts, or social media posts that directly relate to or constitute evidence pertaining to an alleged violation of this policy (i.e., not after-the-fact commentary about or media coverage of the incident);

- G. notes or summaries prepared contemporaneously by the investigator in whatever form made (e.g., handwritten, keyed into a computer or tablet, etc.), but not including transitory notes whose content is otherwise memorialized in other documents;
- H. written disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees and other documentation that memorializes oral disciplinary sanctions issued to students or employees for violations of this policy;
- I. dated written determinations/reports (including summaries of relevant exculpatory and inculpatory evidence) and other documentation that memorializes oral notifications to the parties concerning the outcome of the investigation, including any consequences imposed as a result of a violation of this policy;
- J. documentation of any supportive measures offered and/or provided to the Complainant and/or the Respondent, including no contact orders issued to both parties, the dates the no contact orders were issued, and the dates the parties acknowledged receipt of the no contact orders;
- K. documentation of all actions taken, both individual and systemic, to stop the discrimination or harassment, prevent its recurrence, eliminate any hostile environment, and remedy its discriminatory effects;
- L. copies of the Board policy and/or procedures/guidelines used by the District to conduct the investigation, and any documents used by the District at the time of the alleged violation to communicate the Board's expectations to students and staff with respect to the subject of this policy (e.g., Student Code of Conduct and/or Employee Handbooks);
- M. copies of any documentation that memorializes any formal or informal resolutions to the alleged discrimination or harassment;
- N. documentation of any training provided to District personnel related to this policy, including but not limited to, notification of the prohibitions and expectations of staff set forth in this policy and the role and responsibility of all District personnel involved in enforcing this policy, including their duty to report alleged violations of this policy and/or conducting an investigation of an alleged violation of this policy;
- O. documentation that any rights or opportunities that the District made available to one party during the investigation were made available to the other party on equal terms;
- P. copies of any notices sent to the alleged perpetrator/responding party of the allegations constituting a potential violation of this policy;
- Q. copies of any notices sent to the Complainant and the Respondent in advance of any interview, meeting, or hearing;
- R. copies of any documentation or evidence used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings, including the investigation report, and any written responses submitted by the Complainant or the Respondent

The documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) retained may include public records and records exempt from disclosure under Federal (e.g., FERPA, ADA) and/or State law – e.g., student records and confidential medical records.

The documents, ESI, and electronic media (as defined in Policy 8315) created or received as part of an investigation shall be retained in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy 8315, Policy 8320, and Policy 8330 for not less than three (3) years, but longer if required by the District's records retention schedule.

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3362.01 - THREATENING BEHAVIOR TOWARD STAFF MEMBERS

The Board of Education believes that a staff member should be able to work in an environment free of threatening speech or actions.

Threatening behavior consisting of any words or deeds that intimidate a staff member or reasonably cause concern for his/her physical and/or psychological well-being is strictly forbidden. Examples of such behavior include: threats to cause bodily harm; stalking; bullying; threats to damage real or personal property at the workplace; unusual behavior that a reasonable person would consider threatening. Any student, parent, visitor, staff member, or agent of this Board who is found to have threatened a member of the staff will be subject to discipline or reported to the authorities.

The Superintendent shall implement guidelines whereby students and employees understand this policy and appropriate procedures are established for prompt and effective action on any reported incidents.

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All members of the staff are responsible for maintaining a safe work environment and participating in investigations as necessary. Reasonable action will be taken to ensure that persons involved in an investigation, or in providing information during an investigation do not suffer any form of retaliation, because of their good faith participation. Steps to avoid retaliation may include placing a party to the investigation on administrative leave or other reasonable action. Additional steps may be taken to address workplace safety issues.

PROCEDURE

A. Definitions:

1. Behavior that distracts, interferes with, or prevents normal work functions or activities. This behavior includes but is not limited to yelling, using profanity or vulgarity, verbally abusing others, making inappropriate demands for time and attention; making unreasonable demands for action (demanding an immediate appointment or a response to a complaint on the spot) or refusing a reasonable request for identification.
2. Behavior that includes physical actions short of actual contact/injury (e.g., moving closer aggressively), oral or written threats to a person or property, whether in person, over the telephone or through other means of communication.
3. Behavior that includes physical assault, with or without weapons behavior that a reasonable person would interpret as being violent, (e.g., throwing things, pounding on a desk or door, or destroying property), and specific threats to inflict physical harm.
4. Behavior(s), which create incidents that, are stressful or traumatic that interferes with an individual's or group of individual's ability to effectively function in his/her educational or work environment.

B. Reporting:

When appropriate, complaints under this policy may be reported to the local law enforcement agencies, by the Board's administrative representatives. All reports or complaints under this policy will be investigated and include confidentiality where appropriate. Once an investigation is complete, a recommendation on how to handle the complaint will be submitted to the Superintendent for disposition. Some behaviors may also be prohibited under criminal law, and where appropriate, the Superintendent will report such cases to the proper authorities and shall inform the Board of such report(s).

Counseling for staff may be available through the EAP for both the victim and any others within the School District affected by a violent traumatic incident.

C. Protective Orders:

Members of the staff who have obtained a protective order should supply a copy of the order to the Superintendent. Other parties may also be informed when deemed necessary for the safety of the School District personnel.

D. Discipline/Corrective Steps:

Staff who violate this policy may be subject to discipline up to and including discharge.

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3363 - PROHIBITION AGAINST ETHNIC INTIMIDATION

The Board general policy against harassment, which requires the reporting of any such acts experienced or observed, includes a prohibition against ethnic intimidation.

All employees should be aware that Michigan law proscribes that a person commits ethnic intimidation if that person maliciously, and with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person because of that person's race, color, religion, gender, or national origin, does any of the following:

- A. causes physical contact with another person
- B. damages, destroys, or defaces the property of another person
- C. threatens, by word or by act; to do an act described in subdivision (a) or (b), if there is reasonable cause to believe that an act described in subdivision (a) or (b) will occur

In light of the aforementioned laws regarding harassment in the workplace the board requires all of its employees to observe these laws and strongly urges that each person exhibit, in his/her conduct and communication, sound judgment and respect for the feelings and sensibilities of every other employees of the District.

The policy shall be posted in appropriate places throughout the District.

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3370 - TENURE

Tenure

Teachers attain continuing tenure, as a matter of law, after the satisfactory completion of their probationary period. Once tenure has been attained, the teacher shall remain on continuing tenure as provided for under current law.

The Board may recommend the discharge or demotion of a continuing tenure teacher only as provided for under the Teacher Tenure Act.

Continuing Tenure will not be granted to any annual assignment or extra duty for extra pay.

Administrative Tenure

Administrators or teachers employed in assignments other than that of classroom teacher, shall be employed without continuing tenure in their other position, but will retain continuing tenure status in their teaching position.

Administration of Tenure

Provisions for evaluation of administrators and teachers are a priority of the Board. The Superintendent is responsible for developing procedures in agreement with current law for meeting these priorities.

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3410.01 - COMPENSATION FOR PART-TIME STAFF

The Board of Education requires that part-time professional staff members' time be prorated so that they are compensated in an amount equivalent to the portion of time worked, whether it be a fraction of a day or a fraction of a year. The Superintendent shall ensure that such arrangements comply with the terms of the negotiated, collective-bargained agreement.

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3419 - **GROUP HEALTH PLANS**

The Board of Education shall have discretion to establish and maintain group health plans for the benefit of eligible employees. The definition of group health plans as used in this policy may include, but is not limited to, major medical, prescription drug, dental and/or vision plans. These group health plans may provide certain health benefit plans to employees as permitted by law.

The Board has elected to provide minimum value health coverage for some or all of its eligible employees. The terms and conditions of the health coverage are set forth in the appropriate plan documents.

Eligible employees who have coverage through the employer of a working spouse may receive additional compensation if they waive the District's medical coverage. Eligible employees who waive the medical coverage will be paid an additional monthly compensation equal to \$200 per month of the cost of single medical coverage for that employee, with the understanding that this additional compensation is subject to FICA and Federal, State and local income tax. To receive this compensation, the eligible employee must provide the District with proof of medical coverage provided by the spouse's employer.

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3419.01 - PRIVACY PROTECTIONS OF SELF-FUNDED GROUP HEALTH PLANS

The Board of Education provides coverage to eligible employees under self-funded group health plans. The Board has established a Dental Plan as a self-funded group health plan.

The Board acknowledges that these group health plans are required to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule, as amended by Title I of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA). Certain health information maintained by these group health plans is afforded significant protection by this Federal law.

The Board hereby appoints the Benefits Coordinator to serve as the Privacy Official of the group health plans. The Privacy Official shall develop, propose to the Board, and implement policies and procedures for the group health plan(s) relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information. The Privacy Official shall verify that the policies and procedures are current and comply with Federal law.

The Board also acknowledges that the HIPAA Security Rule requires the group health plan(s) to implement various security measures with respect to electronic Protected Health Information. The Board hereby appoints the Benefits Coordinator to serve as the Security Official of the group health plans. The Security Official shall conduct a risk analysis and to develop, propose to the Board, and implement policies and procedures for the group health plan(s) relating to the security of electronic Protected Health Information, if applicable. The Security Official shall verify that the policies and procedures are current and comply with Federal law.

The Board further delegates authority to the Privacy Official and/or the Security Official to undertake such other actions as provided by the HIPAA administrative guidelines in effect from time to time. The Privacy Official and/or Security Official shall report his/her progress to the Board.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has the authority to impose civil monetary penalties upon Covered Entities. HHS has not historically imposed these penalties directly upon individuals. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Privacy Official and Security Official in connection with the performance of their delegated duties for the group health plans, except to the extent that any liability is imposed as the result of intentional misconduct or gross negligence by the Privacy Official or Security Official as defined by law.

The group health plans administrator(s) shall provide timely notifications of breaches of unsecured protected health information in accordance with the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act and accompanying regulations.

The Board reserves the right to revoke any or all appointments set forth in this policy at any time for any reason.

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3419.02 - PRIVACY PROTECTIONS OF FULLY INSURED GROUP HEALTH PLANS

The Board of Education provides coverage to eligible employees under fully insured group health plans. The Board has established the following fully insured group health plans:

- A. Medical Plan
- B. Prescription Drug Plan
- C. Dental Plan
- D. Vision Plan

The Board acknowledges that these group health plans are required to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule as amended by Title I of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA). Fully insured group health plans generally are exempt from many of the requirements imposed upon self-funded group health plans.

The Board also acknowledges that these fully insured group health plans are required to comply with the HIPAA Security Rule. The group health plans, working together with the insurer, will ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the group health plans' electronic Protected Health Information in accordance with the HIPAA Security Rule.

The Board hereby appoints the Benefits Coordinator to serve as the Security Official of the group health plans. All of the group health plans' functions are carried out by the insurer and the insurer owns and controls all of the equipment and media used to create, maintain, receive, and transmit electronic Protected Health Information relating to the group health plans. Accordingly, the insurer is in the best position to implement the technical, physical, and administrative safeguards required by the HIPAA Security Rule.

The Security Official does not have the ability to assess or adjust the insurer's policies related to the HIPAA Security Rule. Accordingly, unless otherwise determined by the Security Official, the group health plans shall utilize as administrative guidelines the insurer's own policies addressing security measures for the group health plans' electronic Protected Health Information.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has the authority to impose civil monetary penalties upon Covered Entities. HHS has not historically imposed these penalties directly upon individuals. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Privacy Official and Security Official in connection with the performance of their delegated duties for the group health plans, except to the extent that any liability is imposed as the result of intentional misconduct or gross negligence by the Privacy Official or Security Official as defined by law.

The fully insured group health plans established by the Board shall:

- A. Refrain from taking any retaliatory action against any individual for exercising any right under the plan, filing a complaint with Health and Human Services, participating in any proceeding under Part C of Title XI of the Social Security Act, or opposing any act or practice made unlawful by the Privacy Rule provided that the individual has a good faith belief that the practice opposed is unlawful.
- B. Not impose a requirement that participants waive their rights under the Privacy Rule as a condition of the provision of payment, enrollment in a health plan, or eligibility of benefits.
- C. If the plan document is amended in accordance with the Privacy Rule, the plan must retain a copy of the plan document as amended for six (6) years from the date of its amendment or the date when it last was in effect, whichever is later.
- D. Provide notification to affected individuals, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the media (when required), if the plan or one of its business associates discovers a breach of unsecured protected health information, in accordance with the requirements of HIPAA and its implementing regulations.

Fully insured group health plans established by the Board shall not create or receive protected health information, except for:

- A. Summary health information. Summary health information is de-identified information that summarizes claims history, claims expenses, or type of claims experienced by health plan participants.
- B. Information on whether an individual is participating in a group health plan, or is enrolled in or has disenrolled from a health insurance issuer or HMO offered by the plan.
- C. Information disclosed to the plan under a signed authorization that meets the requirements of the Privacy Rule.

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Legal References:	42 U.S.C. 1320d-5 et seq.
	45 C.F.R. 160.102(a)
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3419.03 - PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The Board of Education acknowledges that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("ACA") imposes certain obligations upon the District. Such obligations may include the following:

- A. The District shall notify new employees of health insurance options available through the Health Insurance Marketplace within fourteen (14) days of an employee's employment start date. Sample form notices are available from the U.S. Department of Labor at:

<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform/regulations/coverageoptionsnotice.html>

- B. Employees of the District have the option to enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace. If a full-time employee (as defined by the ACA) of the District enrolls in the Health Insurance Marketplace and receives a subsidy, then the District may be liable for a penalty.

In event that the District concludes that it is fiscally-wise to incur the potential penalty in lieu of providing affordable, minimum value coverage to all full-time employees, the District shall incur the potential penalty.

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3430 -LEAVES OF ABSENCE

All professional staff members not otherwise covered by the terms of a negotiated, collectively-bargained agreement of this District shall be entitled to the leave benefits which are not less than those provided in the master agreement with the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

All requests for unpaid leaves of absence by professional staff members shall be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Any professional staff member granted a leave of absence by the Board shall be considered to have terminated all work with the School District until the completion of the leave. Exceptions may be made by the Superintendent in cases where the best interest of the District might be served.

Paid Medical Leave (PML)

This policy provision applies to all District employees who are eligible to accrue paid medical leave under the Paid Medical Leave Act (PMLA). "Paid Leave" includes, but is not limited to, paid vacation days, paid personal days, and paid time off (i.e. PTO).

The District adopts:

The Accrual Method

Each eligible employee will accrue one (1) hour of Paid Medical Leave for every thirty-five (35) hours worked, but not more than one hour of paid medical leave in a calendar week limited to a maximum of forty (40) hours per benefit year. Eligible employees may carry over forty (40) hours of accrued but unused paid medical leave time to the next benefit year. The District will prorate paid leave for eligible employees hired during a benefit year.

- A. An employee or employee's family member's mental or physical illness, injury, health condition and medical diagnosis, care, or treatment, preventative medical care.
- B. If the employee or the eligible employee's family member is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault:
 - 1. for medical, psychological or other counseling for physical or psychological injury or disability;
 - 2. to obtain services from a victim services organization;
 - 3. to relocate due to domestic violence or sexual assault;
 - 4. to obtain legal services; and/or
 - 5. to participate in any civil or criminal proceedings related to or resulting from the domestic violence or sexual assault.

- C. Closure of the employee's primary workplace due to a public health emergency or to provide care for a child whose school or place of care has been closed due to a public health emergency.
- D. If health authorities or a health care provider have determined that the employee or employee's family member would jeopardize the health of others because of their exposure to a communicable disease regardless of whether employee or family member has actually contracted the communicable disease.

Definitions

A "family member" includes:

- A. a biological, adopted or foster child, stepchild or legal ward, or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis;
- B. a biological parent, foster parent, stepparent, or adoptive parent or a legal guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse, or an individual who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child;
- C. an individual to whom the employee is "legally married under the laws of any state; "
- D. a grandparent or grandchild; and
- E. a biological, foster, or adopted sibling.

PMLA leave must be used in one (1) hour increments.

An eligible employee who is using Paid Medical Leave because of domestic violence or sexual assault may be required to provide documentation that the Paid Medical Leave has been used for that purpose.

Employees must follow the District's usual practice or procedure for requesting, although the District will give employees three (3) days to acquire the proper documentation if the time off is used for paid medical leave, for the reasons set forth above.

Employees will be paid at a rate equal to the greater of either the normal hourly or base wage rate for that employee or the minimum wage rate, at the time of absence. PMLA pay will not include overtime pay, holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, supplemental pay, piece-rate pay, or gratuities.

Employee will not be paid for unused, accrued PMLA leave time at the end of the benefit year or upon separation, voluntary or involuntary.

To the extent that any current collective bargaining agreements already provide all of the requirements of the PMLA, those are sufficient to address the District's obligations to that set of employees and will control the employees covered under the collective bargaining agreement instead of this policy.

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3430.01 - FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE ("FMLA")

In accordance with Federal law, the Board of Education shall provide up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid FMLA leave in any twelve (12) month period to eligible professional staff members for the following reasons:

A-1. the birth of a child and/or the care of a newborn child within one (1) year of the child's birth

B-1. the placement of a child with the staff member by way of adoption or foster care and/or to care for the child within one (1) year of the child's arrival

C-1. the staff member is needed to care for a spouse, parent or dependent child if such individual has a serious health condition, or

D-1. the staff member's own serious health condition prevents him/her from performing the functions of his/her position

Employee Entitlement to Service Member FMLA

Leave Entitlement

Service member FMLA provides eligible employees unpaid leave for one, or for a combination, of the following reasons:

A-2. A "qualifying exigency" arising out of a covered family member's (spouse, son, daughter, or parent) covered active duty or call to covered active duty in the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard and Reserves. Qualifying exigencies, as defined by Federal regulations, include: 1) short-notice deployment; 2) military events and related activities; 3) childcare and school activities; 4) financial and legal arrangements; 5) counseling; 6) rest and recuperation; 7) post-deployment activities; and 8) additional activities not encompassed in the other categories, but agreed to by the employer and employee. (See AG 3430.01C). Covered active duty means deployment with the Armed Forces to a foreign country.

B-2. To care for a covered family member, including next of kin as provided in the statute, who has incurred an injury or illness or aggravation of a pre-existing illness or injury while in the line of duty while on covered active duty in the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, provided that such injury or illness may render the family member medically unfit to perform duties of the member's office, grade, rank, or rating. Covered active duty means deployment with the Armed Forces to a foreign country. This leave is also available to care for veterans of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, provided the veteran was a service member at any time within the five (5) years prior to the start of the treatment, recuperation or therapy.

Duration of Service Member FMLA

- A. When leave is due to a "Qualifying Exigency": An eligible employee may take up to twelve (12) work weeks of leave during any twelve (12) month period. Such leave shall be counted with regular FMLA leave time in calculating the twelve (12) weeks of allowable leave.
- B. When leave is to care for an injured or ill service member: An eligible employee may take up to twenty-six (26) work weeks of leave during a single twelve (12) month period to care for the service member who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy, is otherwise in outpatient status, or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list, for a serious injury or illness. This is a one time benefit per service member. Leave to care for an injured or ill service member, when combined with other FMLA-qualifying leave, may not exceed twenty-six (26) weeks in a single twelve (12) month period.
- C. Service Member FMLA runs concurrent with other leave entitlements provided under Federal, State, and local law.

General FMLA Provisions

Professional staff members are "eligible" if they have worked for the Board for at least twelve (12) months, **and** for at least 1,250 hours over the twelve (12) months prior to the leave request. Service time may be aggregated when the break in service is less than seven (7) years for military obligation or subject to recall under a collective bargaining agreement. All full-time professional staff members are deemed to meet the 1,250 hour requirement.

Twelve (12) month period for determining hours worked and use of leave is defined as a fixed twelve (12) month period (i.e. the "leave year" is identical for all staff members -- e.g., a fiscal year or calendar year).

For Service Member FMLA leave, the use of the twenty-six (26) weeks of leave will be measured forward from the first date on which the employee takes leave.

Serious health condition is defined as an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves:

- A. inpatient care, including any period of incapacity or any subsequent treatment in connection with such inpatient care; or
- B. continuing treatment by a healthcare provider, including:
 - 1. a period of incapacity of more than three (3) consecutive full calendar days and any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to the same condition, that also involves either in person treatment two (2) or more times by a healthcare provider within thirty (30) days of the first date of incapacity absent extenuating circumstances beyond the employee's control, or in person treatment by a healthcare provider on at least one (1) occasion which results in a regimen of continuing treatment under the supervision of a healthcare provider;

The first visit to the healthcare provider must occur within seven (7) days of the first date of incapacity.

- 2. any incapacity due to pregnancy or for prenatal care;

3. any period of incapacity or treatment for such incapacity due to a chronic serious health condition;
 4. a period of incapacity which is permanent or long-term due to a condition for which treatment may not be effective;
 5. any period of absence to receive multiple treatments by a healthcare provider either for restorative surgery after an accident or other injury, or for a condition that would likely result in a period of incapacity of more than three (3) consecutive days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment, such as cancer (chemotherapy, radiation, etc.), severe arthritis (physical therapy), kidney disease (dialysis);
- C. conditions for which cosmetic treatment are administered are not "serious health conditions" unless inpatient hospital care is required or complications develop. Ordinarily, unless complications arise, the common cold, the flu, ear aches, upset stomachs, minor ulcers, headaches other than migraines, routine dental or orthodontia problems, periodontal disease, etc., are conditions that do not meet this definition and do not qualify for FMLA leave.

Whenever the leave is foreseeable, the staff member shall provide the Superintendent with thirty (30) days notice. If there is insufficient time to provide such notice because of unforeseeable events, the staff member shall provide such notice as soon as possible and practical, generally not later than the next business day after the employee realizes the need for leave. Failure to follow the leave notice requirements may result in delay of obtaining the leave. Employees will still be required to comply with the absence reporting procedures at their buildings.

When planning medical treatment, the staff member must consult with the Superintendent and make a reasonable effort to schedule the leave so as not to unduly disrupt the regular operation of the District, subject to the approval of the healthcare provider.

The staff member may request to substitute any of his/her earned or accrued paid vacation leave, personal leave or family leave (per the applicable collective bargaining agreement) for unpaid FMLA leave provided for the birth, adoption or foster care placement of a child, or qualifying exigency for a Service Member Family Leave (see A-1, B-1, and A-2 on page one).

The staff member may request to substitute any of his/her earned or accrued paid vacation, personal leave or sick leave (per the applicable collective bargaining agreement) for unpaid FMLA leave provided for the staff member's own serious health condition or to care for a spouse, parent or dependent child with a serious health condition (see C-1 and D-1 on page one and B-2 on page two).

If the staff member has not earned or accrued adequate paid leave to encompass the entire twelve (12) or twenty-six (26) week period of FMLA leave, any additional weeks of leave to which the staff member is entitled to shall be unpaid. Whenever a staff member uses paid leave for a qualifying leave under this policy, such leave will count towards the maximum allowable leave, the paid leave, and FMLA/Service Member Family leave to which the staff member is entitled will run concurrently.

The Superintendent may allow a staff member to take FMLA leave intermittently or on a reduced-leave schedule for the birth, adoption or foster care placement of a child (see A-1 and B-1 on page one). A staff member may take FMLA leave on an intermittent or reduced-leave schedule when medically necessary for his/her own serious health condition or to care for a spouse, parent or dependent child with a serious health condition (see C-1 and D-1 on page one). The taking of such leave results in the total reduction of the twelve (12) weeks only by the amount of leave actually taken.

If the intermittent or reduced-leave schedule is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment, the Superintendent may require the staff member to transfer temporarily to an available alternative position which better accommodates recurring periods of leave. The alternative position shall have equivalent pay and benefits but not necessarily equivalent duties. Instructional staff members (i.e. individuals whose principal function is to teach and instruct students in a class, a small group, or an individual setting) who request intermittent leave or a reduced-leave schedule which would exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total number of working days over the period of anticipated leave must elect either to:

- A. take leave for a period or periods of a particular duration, not greater than the duration of the planned treatment; or
- B. transfer temporarily to an available alternative position offered by the Superintendent for which the instructional staff member is qualified, and that has equivalent pay and benefits and that better accommodates the recurring periods of leave than the staff member's regular position.

The Superintendent will notify the staff member when the District intends to designate leave as FMLA-qualifying. Such notice may be given orally or in writing. When verbal notice is given, it will be followed by written notice within ten (10) business days. In the case of intermittent or reduced-leave schedule leave, only one (1) such notice is required unless the circumstances regarding the leave have changed. If the Superintendent does not have sufficient information about the reason for an employee's use of paid leave, the Superintendent may inquire further to ascertain whether the paid leave is FMLA-qualifying. Once the Superintendent learns that a paid leave is for an FMLA leave-qualifying reason, the Superintendent will promptly notify the staff member that the paid leave will count toward the staff member's twelve (12) week FMLA-leave entitlement.

In cases in which the Board employs both spouses, the total amount of FMLA leave is twelve (12) weeks for the couple, except when the leave is due to the serious health condition of either spouse or a child, or twenty-six (26) weeks of FMLA leave for Service Member Leave.

When FMLA leave is taken for the staff member's own serious health condition or to care for a spouse, parent or dependent child with a serious health condition (see C-1 and D-1 on page one), the staff member must provide medical certification from the healthcare provider of the eligible staff member or his/her immediate family member). When the staff member requests qualifying Service Member Leave, s/he must provide certification of a qualifying exigency or of the service member's serious illness.

The staff member may either:

- A. submit the completed medical certification to the Superintendent; or
- B. direct the healthcare provider to transfer the completed medical certification directly to the Superintendent, which will generally require the staff member to furnish the healthcare provider with a HIPAA-compliant authorization.

In the event the staff member fails to provide medical certification, any leave taken by the employee will not qualify for FMLA Leave/Service Member Family Leave.

When the need for FMLA leave is foreseeable and at least thirty (30) days notice has been provided, the staff member must provide the medical certification before the leave begins. When this is not possible, the employee must provide the requested certification to the Superintendent within fifteen (15) calendar days after the staff member requests FMLA leave unless it is not practicable under the circumstances to do so despite the staff member's diligent and good faith efforts.

Any dispute over eligibility for FMLA leave shall be discussed between the employee and Superintendent. The District shall be responsible for maintaining a record of those communications.

The Board reserves the right to obtain, at its expense, the opinion of a second healthcare provider and, in the event of conflict, the opinion of a third healthcare provider whose decision shall be binding and final. The staff member may either:

- A. submit the opinion of the second healthcare provider, and the opinion of the third healthcare provider if applicable, to the Superintendent; or
- B. direct the second or third healthcare provider to transfer his/her opinion directly to the Superintendent, which will generally require the staff member to furnish the healthcare provider with a HIPAA-compliant authorization.

In the event the staff member fails to provide the medical opinion of the second or third healthcare provider, if applicable, any leave taken by the employee will not qualify for FMLA leave.

A staff member who takes leave for his/her own serious health condition prior to returning to work, must provide the Superintendent with a statement from his/her healthcare provider that s/he is able to resume work.

Upon return from any FMLA leave, the Board will restore the staff member to his/her former position or to a position with equivalent employment benefits, pay and conditions of employment. During FMLA leave, the Board shall maintain the staff member's current coverage under the Board's group health insurance program on the same conditions as coverage would have been provided if the staff member had been continuously working during the leave period. If the staff member was paying all or part of the premium payments prior to going on FMLA leave, the staff member must continue to pay his/her share during the leave.

Any leave or return from leave during the last five (5) weeks of an academic term shall be reviewed individually by the Superintendent to minimize disruption to the students' program. Special rules under the FMLA may apply for instructional staff.

The staff member shall not accrue any sick leave, vacation, or other benefits during a period of unpaid FMLA leave.

The use of FMLA leave will not result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of the staff member's leave.

If the staff member fails to return to work at the end of the leave for reasons other than the continuation, recurrence, or onset of a serious health condition of the staff member or of the staff member's immediate family member, or for circumstances beyond the control of the staff member, the staff member shall reimburse the Board for the health insurance premiums paid by the Board during the unpaid FMLA leave period.

A staff member who fraudulently obtains FMLA leave is not protected by this policy's job restoration or maintenance of health benefits provisions.

The Superintendent shall prepare any guidelines that are appropriate for this policy and ensure that the policy is posted properly.

In any areas where discretion is allowed in the implementation of this policy or its guidelines for implementation, such discretion shall be exercised in a non-discriminatory manner. Similarly situated persons shall be treated similarly.

The Superintendent shall provide a copy of the policy to all staff members, and retain a record of how and when the policy was distributed. A notice of Rights and Obligations shall also be provided each time an employee requests FMLA leave or the District has sufficient information to believe that the employee may qualify for FMLA leave.

The approval, denial and administration of leave under this policy will be governed by the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, and its published regulations, as applied and interpreted by the Superintendent.

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3437.01 - **MILITARY LEAVE**

The Board of Education provides military leave, reemployment, and other rights as established by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). To qualify:

- A. the employee (or an appropriate officer in the uniformed service in which the employee's military service is performed) gave advance written or verbal notice of his/her military duty unless excused;
- B. the cumulative length of all periods of military service with the employer do not exceed five (5) years;
- C. the employee timely reports to work after the period of military service ends;
- D. the employee has not separated from service with a disqualifying or other than honorable conditions.

The Superintendent shall post notices of employees' right under USERRA at conspicuous locations within the District.

Employees may contact the U.S. Department of Labor to obtain more information regarding their rights under this act.

This policy is intended to comply with and explain the service person's rights under USERRA. To the extent there is any conflict, the USERRA and its regulations prevail.

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3440 - JOB-RELATED EXPENSES

- A. The Board of Education may provide for the payment of the actual and necessary expenses, including traveling expenses, of any professional staff member of the District incurred in the course of performing services for the District, whether within or outside the District, under the direction of the Board and in accordance with the Superintendent's administrative guidelines.
- B. The validity of payments for job-related expenses shall be determined by the Assistant Superintendent.
- C. The Board shall pay the expenses of professional staff members when they attend professional meetings approved in accordance with the policy of this Board and in accordance with the administrative guidelines of the Superintendent.

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3531 - UNAUTHORIZED WORK STOPPAGE

The Board of Education is obligated and committed to provide certain basic services to students participating in District programs. Therefore, if the schools are open and the students are in attendance, those basic services will be provided.

Recognizing the fact that the District, for various reasons, could experience an unauthorized work stoppage, the Board remains committed to providing educational and related services to the schools and will fulfill its obligations to operate the schools when possible.

Professional staff members who fail to perform their normal duties when so required as part of a concerted unauthorized work stoppage will be subject to loss of pay and fringe benefits, including paid insurance coverage, as well as disciplinary measures in accordance with the laws of the State.

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