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To: RSD 17 Board of Education

Subject: 5000 Policies for First Read and Bullying and Sexual Harassment for Second Read

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The RSD17 Policy Subcommittee is in the process of reviewing the 5000 (Students) policy series. The process for the 5000 series involves (1) Identifying those policies that are non-discretionary (stemming from federal law or CT statute) model policies developed by the law firm Shipman & Goodwin to replace such current RSD17 policies, and; (2) Identifying current RSD17 BOE policies that are not required by statute and therefore not included in the Shipman & Goodwin policy set, and recommending to the RSD17 whether or not such policies should be kept in force, and; (3) Of the discretionary policies, suggest any updates to current RSD17 policies.

Including in the Board of Education Meeting packet will be five non-discretionary policies that I would like the Board to review as First Reads, and we will have a placeholder on the December 15th agenda for Second Read.

The Bullying Policy and the Sexual Harassment Policies are on the December 1st agenda as Second Reads and were included in the packet associated with the November 10th meeting.

Sincerely,

Holly Hageman, Superintendent