MODEL POLICY #1

REVIEW AND UPDATE OF DISTRICT POLICIES

Why Adopt This Policy?

It is important that Board members know what policies are in place for the District and whether they are still relevant and appropriate. Having a clear understanding of existing policies enables school board members to address issues consistently and in accordance with established guidelines. In adopting this policy, the school board sets the expectation for regular review, revision, and understanding of District policies, ultimately aiming to enhance student academic achievement.

Policy

In connection with the District's goal of optimizing student academic achievement, the School Board shall conduct a yearly review of District policies. To facilitate such review the Superintendent shall, at least once per year, suggest any changes to District policies which the Superintendent believes appropriate. The Board shall update policies as it determines appropriate and in accordance with existing law, and shall update parents and students at least yearly, at the beginning of the school year.

Legal Analysis — National

Local school boards have broad discretion in the management of school affairs. *Epperson v. State of Ark.*, 393 U.S. 97, 104, 89 S. Ct. 266, 270, 21 L. Ed. 2d 228 (1968); *Bd. of Educ., Island Trees Union Free Sch. Dist. No. 26 v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853, 102 S. Ct. 2799, 73 L. Ed. 2d 435 (1982); *Meyer v. Nebraska*, 262 U.S. 390, 43 S. Ct. 625, 67 L. Ed. 1042 (1923); *Pierce v. Society of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary*, 268 U.S. 510 (U.S. 1925). Public education in our Nation is committed to the control of state and local authorities. *Tinker v. Des Moines School Dist.*, 393 U.S. 503, 507, 89 S.Ct. 733, 736, 21 L.Ed.2d 731 (1969).

Legal Analysis — Wisconsin

School boards have a legal duty for oversight and administration of the school district. *See* Wis. Stat. § 120.12; Wis. Stat. § 120.13; Wis. Stat. § 118.001.

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