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BP 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan
(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 680)** which authorizes district administrators rather than school site councils to develop those portions of the comprehensive safety plan that include tactical responses to criminal incidents on school sites that may result in death or serious bodily injury and allows boards to prohibit public disclosure of those strategies. Policy also clarifies that the requirement to annually update the comprehensive safety plan applies to districts selecting either Option 1 (school site plans) or Option 2 (districtwide plan). Regulation updates section on "Content of the Safety Plan" to include examples of indicators that might be used to assess current school safety, reflects **NEW LAW (AB 9)** which adds requirements related to the district's nondiscrimination policy, reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1156)** which encourages districts to include bullying policies in their plans, reflects **NEW LAW (AB 123)** which expands the definition of a "disruption," and adds new optional language re: dating violence and threat assessment strategies.

BP 2121 - Superintendent's Contract
(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1344)** which prohibits the automatic renewal of the superintendent's contract with a provision for automatic increase that exceeds the cost-of-living adjustment and requires any contract executed or renewed after January 1, 2012 to include a provision requiring the superintendent to reimburse the district for paid leave salary or cash settlement in the event he/she is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his/her position.

BP 3110 - Transfer of Funds
(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 70)** which extends the flexibility for districts to use funds received for 39 "Tier 3" categorical programs for any "educational purpose" through the 2014-15 fiscal year. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 189)** which (1) clarifies that the required public hearing must be held prior to and independently of the board's regular budget adoption meeting and (2) requires that, whenever the proposed use of the funding will result in the elimination of a program, the notice for the public hearing must identify the program proposed to be eliminated.

BP 3513.1 - Cellular Phone Reimbursement
(BP deleted)

Unnecessary policy deleted. Regulation revised to delete section on "Documentation of Records for Tax Purposes" due to **NEW FEDERAL LAW (P.L. 111-240, 2010)** which removes cell phones from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's definition of listed property, thereby eliminating the extensive documentation and substantiation requirements placed on employers that provide cell phones for their employees' business use.

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BP 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals

(BP revised)

MANDATED policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 402)** which authorizes districts to share student information on the National School Lunch Program application with the local agency responsible for determining eligibility for participation in the CalFresh (formerly Food Stamp) or other nutrition assistance program, provided the student was approved for free or reduced-price meals and the student's parent/guardian consents to the release of the information.

BP 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units

(BP revised and recoded to add 4340)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 501)** which (1) expands the definition of "exclusive representative" to allow employees who are neither certificated nor classified employees to be represented, and (2) expands the definition of "public school employer" to include certain joint powers agencies so that employees of the JPA may be represented. Policy also adds new section on "Payment of Dues or Service Fee," including material reflecting **NEW COURT DECISION** re: disclosing employees' home addresses and telephone numbers to an employee organization.

BP 5111 - Admission

(BP revised)

Policy revised to make the timeline for students to enroll in the school in their attendance area consistent with the timeline for intradistrict open enrollment established pursuant to BP/AR 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment. Policy also reflects **NEW FEDERAL GUIDANCE** clarifying that districts may not adopt enrollment procedures based on the actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status of students or their parents/guardians. Updated regulation reflects **NEW LAW (SB 1381, 2010)** which revises the age criterion for admission into kindergarten or first grade, moving up the birthdate that triggers enrollment eligibility one month each year between 2012-13 and 2014-15. Material re: prekindergarten summer program deleted since the program was eliminated pursuant to SB 1381.

BP 5113 - Absences and Excuses

(BP revised)

Policy revised to clarify that, in accordance with court decisions and an Attorney General opinion, students at any grade level cannot be required to provide parent/guardian consent before being absent from school for purposes of receiving confidential medical services. Policy also adds section re: effect of absences on a student's grades/credits. **MANDATED** regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 387)** which expands the list of excused absences to include student absence for the purpose of spending time with an immediate family member who is an active duty service member who has been deployed, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support position.

BP 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

(BP revised)

MANDATED policy and accompanying regulation updated to renumber legal cites pursuant to **NEW LAW (SB 1080, 2010)**, effective January 1, 2012. Policy also deletes material specifying the term of the suspension or expulsion of students who violate this policy, which is repeated in AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. Regulation also reflects law prohibiting the carrying of ammunition or reloaded ammunition onto school grounds without permission of the superintendent or designee.

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BP 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

(BP revised)

Policy and Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 161)** which authorizes districts to train volunteer, nonmedical district employees to provide emergency antiseizure medication to students suffering from epileptic seizures when licensed health care professionals are not available onsite. Regulation includes related requirements pertaining to the health provider's written statement, notifications to staff and parents/guardians, staff training, and other arrangements for assisting students with epilepsy who may suffer a seizure at school.

For further information, see article in the accompanying *Policy News*.

BP 6143 - Courses of Study

(BP revised)

MANDATED policy includes expanded language on the articulation of courses of study across grade levels and with postsecondary institutions, and clarifies requirement to offer secondary students a course of study that prepares them to meet the prerequisites for college admission and to attain entry-level employment skills. Material re: notifications to students in grades 9-12 moved to AR. Updated regulation reflects **NEW LAW (SB 48)** which requires social sciences instruction at the appropriate elementary and secondary grade levels to include a study of the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans, persons with disabilities, European Americans, and members of other cultural groups to the development of California and the United States. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 199)** which encourages social sciences instruction at secondary grade levels to include the role of Filipinos in World War II. New section on "Certification of College Preparatory Courses" added to address the process of seeking certification of a-g courses by the University of California.

For further information, see article in the accompanying *Policy News*.

BP 6145.2 - Athletic Competition

(BP revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 25)** which requires districts to distribute information on concussions and head injuries to student athletes and their parents/guardians and requires that a student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion be immediately removed from the athletic activity and not allowed to return until a health care provider provides written clearance. Policy also reflects (1) **NEW COURT DECISION** re: liability for failure to provide equivalent athletic opportunities for males and females even if the females did not provide notice of their disadvantageous treatment; (2) **NEW LAW (SB 107)** which extends the operation of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) until 2017; and (3) CIF bylaws related to student eligibility for interscholastic athletic programs, including bylaws limiting eligibility of students in home schooling or home study/independent study programs. Updated regulation clarifies requirements related to ensuring that equivalent athletic opportunities are provided to both sexes.

For further information, see article in the accompanying *Policy News*.

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BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements

(BP revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1330)** which authorizes governing boards, beginning in the 2012-13 school year, to accept a course in career technical education (CTE) as an alternative to completion of a visual or performing arts or foreign language course for satisfaction of high school graduation requirements. Regulation reflects requirement that any district allowing CTE as an alternative graduation requirement provide information in its annual parent/guardian notification pertaining to the alignment of district CTE courses with college entrance course requirements.

For further information, see article in the accompanying *Policy News*.

BP 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 70)** which extends flexibility for the use of Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program funds through the 2014-15 fiscal year, Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 509)** which authorizes districts, until July 1, 2015, to purchase the newest adopted instructional materials for schools in deciles 1-3 of the Academic Performance Index without purchasing them for other schools. Updated regulation reflects (1) **NEW LAW (SB 70)** which prohibits the State Board of Education (SBE) from adopting K-8 instructional materials until the 2015-16 school year; (2) **NEW LAW (AB 114)** which provides that districts are not required, through the 2014-15 fiscal year, to provide students with instructional materials within 24 months of the SBE's adoption; (3) **NEW LAW (SB 140)** which requires the California Department of Education to prepare a list of K-8 supplemental instructional materials that are aligned with the Common Core Standards; and (4) **NEW LAW (SB 48)** which prohibits the use of instructional materials that adversely reflect upon persons based on their religion, sexual orientation, or other specified characteristics and which requires instructional materials to include the role and contributions of LGBT, disabled, and European American individuals. Exhibit updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 70)** which extends the current definition of "sufficiency" through the 2014-15 fiscal year.

BP 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten

(BP added)

New policy reflects **NEW LAW (SB 1381, 2010)** which requires districts to establish "transitional kindergarten" programs beginning in the 2012-13 school year for children whose admission to kindergarten is delayed due to changes in law affecting the age criterion for admission to kindergarten. Policy addresses student eligibility for the program, curriculum and instruction, staffing, and students' continuation to kindergarten at the completion of the transitional kindergarten program.

For further information, see article in the accompanying *Policy News*.

BB 9223 - Filling Vacancies

(BB revised)

Bylaw updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 334)** which allows governing boards to approve a board member's out-of-state absence for illness or urgent necessity for an unlimited duration. Updated bylaw also reflects current law which provides that, when an interim board member is appointed to fill an absence created by a member's military deployment that exceeds six months, the term of the interim member cannot extend beyond the return of the absent board member or beyond the next regularly scheduled election for that office, whichever occurs first.

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BB 9320 - Meetings and Notices
(BB revised)

MANDATED bylaw updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1344)** which prohibits boards from calling special meetings to address the salaries, salary schedules, or other compensation of the superintendent, assistant superintendent, or other specified employees. Bylaw also reflects requirement added by AB 1344 to post the agenda for a regular meeting and the notice of a special meeting on the district web site, if there is one.

For further information, see article in the accompanying *Policy News*.