

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

Time-Place:

**Council Chambers
820 Enfield Street
Enfield, CT
7:00 PM Regular Meeting**

Date: 06/14/16

1. **Call to Order – 7:00 PM**
2. **Invocation or Moment of Silence – Lori Unghire**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance – Lori Unghire**
4. **Fire Evacuation Announcement**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Board Guest(s)**
 - a. **Recognition of Student Athletes**
 - b. **Enfield Legislators**
7. **Superintendent's Report**
 - a. **Student Representatives Report**
 - b. **Thank You Mount Carmel Society**
 - c. **EHS/FHS Graduations**
 - d. **Kindness Carnival**
8. **Audiences**
9. **Board Members' Comments**
10. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Transition Update**
11. **New Business**
 - a. **Approve Healthy Food Certification for 2016-17**
 - b. **Approve Program Improvement Project (PIP) Grant for 2016-17**
 - c. **Policy Revisions:**
 1. **BOE Policy #3512 Pest Management Program – *First Reading***
 2. **BOE Policy #4118.5 Computer Network and/or Internet Use Policy – *First Reading***
 3. **BOE Policy #4122 Substitute Teachers – *First Reading***
 4. **BOE Policy #5113 Attendance Policy: K-12 – *First Reading***
 5. **BOE Policy #5131 Student Discipline – *First Reading***
 6. **BOE Policy #5132 Dress Code – *First Reading***
 7. **BOE Policy #5140.2 Sexual Abuse & Assault Awareness/Prevention Program – *First Reading***
 8. **BOE Policy #5141.21 Administration of Prescribed Medicine – *First Reading***
 9. **BOE Policy #6141.32 Computer Network and/or Internet Student Acceptable Use Agreement Policy – *First Reading***
10. **Board Committee Reports**
 - a. **Building Committee**
 - b. **Curriculum Committee**
 - c. **Policy Committee**
11. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2016**
12. **Approval of Accounts and Payroll**
13. **Correspondence and Communications**
14. **Audiences**
15. **Executive Session**
16. **Adjournment**



ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Enfield Board of Education
From: Dr. Jeffrey A. Schumann
Re: Superintendent's Report

- a. **Student Representative Report(s):** Enclosed in your packet, you will find a report from both BOE Student Representatives regarding events/happenings at their respective high schools. Student Representatives may have some additional information or comments to share with Board members.
- b. **Thank You Mount Carmel Society:** We thank the members from the Mount Carmel Society for hosting the 2016 National Honor Society Recognition Dinner that was held earlier tonight.
- c. **EHS/FHS Graduations:** Both high schools will hold their commencement ceremonies for the graduating class of 2016. Enfield High School's graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd and Enrico Fermi High Schools's graduation will be held on Thursday, June 23rd. Both ceremonies will start at 7:00 PM and will be held outside, weather permitting. Each Board member has received graduation tickets.
- d. **Kindness Carnival:** Members from the FOR Club (Friends of Rachel) will hold a Kindness Carnival on Friday, June 17th at Enrico Fermi High School in the Gym from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Invitations and additional information has been included in your packets.



ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Enfield Board of Education
From: Dr. Jeffrey A. Schumann
Re: Board Guest(s)

- a. **Recognition of Student Athletes:** Tonight, we will recognize our student athletes from Enrico Fermi and Enfield High School. Our Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Barry Bernstein will introduce the coaches and student athletes that are present.

- b. **Enfield Legislators:** We welcome Senator Kissel to tonight's Board meeting. Representatives Kiner and Alexander were unable to attend. He is available to answer any questions from the Board.



ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Enfield Board of Education
From: Dr. Jeffrey A. Schumann
Re: Transition Update

At this time, I will update the Board regarding the Enrico Fermi/Enfield transition.



ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Enfield Board of Education
From: Dr. Jeffrey A. Schumann
Re: Approve Healthy Food Certification for 2016-17

Our Nutrition Services Director, Diane Edwards has provided the Board with the enclosed memo dated June 6, 2016 regarding the Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2016-17. The State of Connecticut requires all districts to complete the certification statement certifying that all food items sold to students will meet or will not meet the Connecticut Nutritional Standards.

The Enfield Public Schools lunch program currently meets all Federal and State nutrition guidelines. Ms. Edwards recommends that the Nutrition Services work towards certifying for the 2017-16 school year. This will allow us additional time to plan and implement for the stricter Connecticut Healthy Food Certification standards.

Therefore, the Enfield Board of Education may take any action(s) deemed appropriate to indicate that the Board elects to not certify the 2016-17 Healthy Food Certification Statement and authorizes the administration to process the paperwork accordingly.



ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Enfield Board of Education
From: Dr. Jeffrey A. Schumann
Re: Approve Program Improvement Project (PIP) Grant for 2016-17

Kathy Chapdelaine, our Adult Education Director needs Board approval for the 2016-17 Program Improvement Project (PIP) Grant. The State Department of Education has been awarding these grants since 2012. She is looking to receive funding for \$40,000 for transitioning for post-secondary education and training for 35 Enfield Adult Education and Continuing Education students.

Enclosed in your packets is additional information regarding this grant.

Therefore, the Enfield Board of Education may take any action(s) deemed appropriate regarding the approval for the continuation of the Adult Education Program Improvement Project (PIP) Grant as presented and authorizes the administration to process the paperwork accordingly.



ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Enfield Board of Education
From: Dr. Jeffrey A. Schumann
Re: Policy Revisions

Members of the Policy Committee met on June 7th to finalize several policy revisions. Policy Committee Chair, Mike Ludwick will review the recommended policy changes at this time for the following policies:

1. BOE Policy #3512 Pest Management Program – *First Reading*
2. BOE Policy #4118.5 Computer Network and/or Internet Use Policy – *First Reading*
3. BOE Policy #4122 Substitute Teachers – *First Reading*
4. BOE Policy #5113 Attendance Policy: K-12 – *First Reading*
5. BOE Policy #5131 Student Discipline – *First Reading*
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7. BOE Policy #5140.2 Sexual Abuse & Assault Awareness/Prevention Program – *First Reading*
8. BOE Policy #5141.21 Administration of Prescribed Medicine – *First Reading*
9. BOE Policy #6141.32 Computer Network and/or Internet Student Acceptable Use Agreement Policy – *First Reading*

Therefore, the Enfield Board of Education may take any action(s) deemed appropriate regarding approving policy revision changes as presented for First Readings.



ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Date: June 14, 2016
To: Enfield Board of Education
From: Dr. Jeffrey A. Schumann
Re: Executive Session

The Board of Education needs to discuss the following item:

- Matter(s) Related to Collective Bargaining
- Matter(s) Related to Personnel

Therefore, I recommend that the Enfield Board of Education enter into executive session, with the appropriate personnel invited, for the reasons described above. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting is required. Board members can relocate to the Enfield Room or remain in Council Chambers for the executive session.

Item #7a.



EHS/FHS Student Representative Reports - June 14, 2016

Enfield High & Enrico Fermi High School:

- NHS Recognition Dinner will be held at Mount Carmel Hall at 5:00 PM on June 14th;
- Rachel's Challenge Kindness Carnival will be held at Enrico Fermi in the Gym at 4:30 PM on June 17th;
- The last of school - June 21st;
- EHS Graduation will be held on the Enfield High Athletic Fields at 7:00 PM on June 22nd;
- FHS Graduation will be held on the Enrico Fermi Athletic Fields at 7:00 PM on June 23rd.

2015-16 Athletic Awards Recognition

2015 Fall Awards:

- Fermi:**
- Charles Fields, 2015 All Conference CCC – Football
 - Jake Richters, 2015 All Conference CCC – Football
 - Ian Grabowski, 2015 All Conference CCC – Football
 - Josh Buvelot, 2015 All Conference CCC – Football
 - Kiley Vermette, 2015 All Conference CCC & All Area Hartford Courant – Soccer
 - Matt Evens, 2015 All Conference CCC – Soccer
 - Jabari Smith, 2015 All Conference CCC & All Area Hartford Courant – Soccer
 - Mikayla March, 2015 All Conference CCC – Field Hockey
 - Megan Laponese, 2015 All Conference CCC – Field Hockey
 - Sydney Nash, 2015 Class “M” All State & All Area Hartford Courant – Cross Country
 - Thomas Vose, 2015 Journal Inquirer All Academic – Cross Country
 - Sarah O’Neil, 2015 Journal Inquirer All Academic & National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association All American – Swimming
- Enfield:**
- Joe Braun, 2015 All Conference NCCC Pequot League – Football
 - Ben Sperrazza, 2015 All Conference NCCC – Soccer
 - Cat Fonseca, 2015 All Conference NCCC – Soccer
 - Erica Lovering, 2015 All conference NCCC & All Area Hartford Courant – Soccer
 - Delaney Lawler, 2015 All Conference NCCC, All State 1st Team & All Area Hartford Courant – Soccer
 - Sarah Pawlowski, 2015 Journal Inquirer All Academic – Soccer
 - Jessie Maier, 2015 All Conference NCCC & All State 2nd Team – Field Hockey
 - Taylor Geaglon, 2015 All Conference NCCC & All State 1st Team – Field Hockey

- McKayla Weaver, 2015 All Conference NCCC – Field Hockey
- Tori Geaglone, 2015 All Conference NCCC – Field Hockey
- Miranda Lee, 2015 All Conference NCCC – Volleyball
- Connor Shannahan, 2015 All Conference NCCC – Cross Country
- Sam Wentworth, 2015 Journal Inquirer All Academic – Cross Country

2016 Winter Awards:

- Fermi:**
- Josh Pasini, 2016 All Conference CCC & 1,000 Career Points Served – Basketball
 - Joe Weatherwax, 2016 All Conference CCC – Basketball
 - Sean Messina, 2016 All Conference CCC – Wrestling
 - Brett Castle, 2016 All Conference CCC – Wrestling
 - Chase Larusso, 2016 All Conference CCC – Wrestling
 - Jake Richters, 2016 All Conference CCC – Wrestling
 - Thomas Vose, 2016 Journal Inquirer All Academic – Hockey
 - Amber Prose, 2016 Journal Inquirer All Academic – Indoor Track
 - Ashley MacGregor, 2014 & 2016 USGA Regional Qualifier and 2013 National Qualifier - Gymnastics
- Enfield:**
- Sam Roy, 2016 All Conference CCC & All State – Division II, Hockey
 - Matt Votta, 2016 All Conference CCC – Hockey
 - Kumar Brown, 2016 All Conference NCCC – Basketball
 - Danielle Delano, 2016 All Conference NCCC, All NCCC Tournament Team, All Rotary Team & MVP – Basketball
 - Mary Baskerville, 2016 All Conference NCCC, All State Class “M”, All NCCC Tournament Team, All State Rotary Team, NCCC Tournament Team MVP & All Rotary Team – Basketball
 - Cat Fonseca, 2016 All Conference NCCC & All rotary Team – Basketball
 - Joe Fleming, 2016 All Conference NCCC – Wrestling
 - Connor Shannahan, 2016 All Conference NCCC & Journal Inquirer All Academic – Indoor Track
 - Taryn Logan, 2016 Journal Inquirer All Academic – Indoor Track

2016 Spring Awards:

- Fermi:**
- Jared Cournoyer, 2016 All Conference CCC – Volleyball
 - Brian Cunningham, 2016 All Conference CCC & selected for the CT Coaches All Star Team – District IV – Baseball
 - Josh Pasini, 2016 All Conference CCC – Baseball
 - Dan Neal, 2016 All Conference CCC – Baseball
 - Alex Coffey, 2016 All Conference CCC – Tennis
 - Sarah O’Neil, 2015-16 CIAC Scholar Athlete
 - Thomas Vose, 2015-16 CIAC Scholar Athlete

- Enfield:**
- Jeff Kilty, 2016 All Conference NCCC – Baseball
 - Sarah Pawlowski, 2016 All Conference NCCC – Tennis
 - Sam Roy, 2016 All Conference NCCC & All State – Division III – Golf
 - Jessica Maier, 2016 All Conference NCCC – Softball
 - Collin DeBarber, 2016 All Conference NCCC & NCCC Javelin Champion – Track & Field
 - Dillon DeSouza, 2016 All State – Class “M” & Senior All Star Game – Volleyball
 - JR Hanna, 2016 All State – Class “M” Academic – Volleyball
 - Zackary Hirsh, 2016 Junior All Star Game – Volleyball
 - Sarah Pawlowski, 2015-16 CIAC Scholar Athlete
 - Chris Biela, 2015-16 CIAC Scholar Athlete

Special Recognition Awards and Honors:

- Enfield:**
- Richard Celio, 36 Years of Coaching Boys Tennis
 - Enfield Girls Basketball, 2016 Regular Season 20-0; State Semi Finalist 26-1; Rotary Tournament Champions; NCCC Tournament Champions & NCC Regular Season Champions
 - Enfield Girls Soccer, 2015 Class “M” State Finalist

- Fermi:**
- Jim Russell, 30 Years of Coaching Boys Soccer

- Enrico Fermi Football, 2015 John Lotas Sportsmanship Awards
Central CT Officials Association

Item #7d.

RACHEL'S Challenge

start a chain reaction

May 24, 2016

To the BOE and Town Council Members,

On behalf of the *FOR Club*, we would like to invite all BOE and Town Council Members to attend this year's Kindness Carnival on June 17th (4:30pm – 7:30pm) at Enrico Fermi High School. The members who have attended in the past really provided good feedback and helped make the event such a success. Please contact Michael Pescitelli (mpescitelli@enfieldschools.org) with any questions or comments.

Thanks so much and hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Pescitelli

Michael Pescitelli
FOR Club

START A CHAIN REACTION OF KINDNESS



Healthy Food Certification in Schools for School Year 2016-17

Healthy Food Certification Statement and Recommendation
Submitted by Diane Edwards, Director of Nutrition Services
June 6, 2016

The State of CT Dept. of Education requires all districts to complete the healthy food certification statement which requires action by the school board. The district has the option of certifying that all food items sold to students will, or will not meet the CT Nutrition Standards. These food items include all food offered for sale to students at all times in all schools and from all sources, including, but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias and any fundraising activities on school premises. The state is currently offering a monetary incentive of \$.10 per reimbursable lunch served if we chose to certify that we are meeting the CT Nutrition Standards for Foods as required by the CT Healthy Certification regulations.

At the June 24, 2014 Board Meeting it was recommended by the Superintendent that we do not certify to implement the Ct Healthy Food Certification in Schools until the new combined high school was completed in 2016.

Considering the significant challenges we will face with the consolidation of students and staff this September, I would recommend that Nutrition Services delay the implementation of the Healthy Food Certification. I believe our attention and focus will be better served making this a smooth and successful transition for the students, not a time to begin new regulations. The additional year will allow time for proper planning and implementation for the CT Healthy Food Certification standards, if they are still an option. The funding for this program has been cut from the state budget for three consecutive years. In the past, it was reintroduced but it is uncertain if it will survive this year's final state budget cuts.

In conclusion, and in consideration of these reasons, I recommend that we do not certify for the school year 2016-17 and consider certification for school year 2017-18.

Connecticut State Department of Education
Addendum to Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs (ED-099)
Healthy Food Certification Statement

Section 1 – Background

Section 10-215e of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) directs the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to develop and publish nutrition standards (hereinafter, Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS)) for food items offered for sale to students at school separately from reimbursable meals sold as part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). Section 10-215f of the C.G.S. requires that each participant in the NSLP, including each local and regional board of education, the Connecticut Technical High School System and the governing authority for each state charter school, interdistrict magnet school and endowed academy, must certify each year in its annual application to the CSDE whether all food items made available for sale to students will meet the CNS. Section 10-215b of the C.G.S. further provides additional funding to NSLP participants who annually certify compliance with the CNS.

Section 2 – Certification Statement

► ***Must be completed by all Connecticut public school districts that participate in the NSLP.***

On behalf of the _____ and
(Name of the Board of Education or Governing Authority)

pursuant to Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the school(s) under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, *(select appropriate box)*

will *(must complete Sections 3 and 4 on page 2)*

will not *(sign below and return form)*

comply with the CNS during the period of **July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017**. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

**Local or Regional Board of Education or
Governing Authority**

Signature: _____
(Signature of the Authorized Representative)

(Printed Name of the Authorized Representative)

Title (Superintendent of Schools, President or Chairperson of the Board)

Date of Authorization

The CSDE is extending the currently funded PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT GRANT; *TRANSITIONS* for another year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The grants were initiated in 2012 and were awarded through a competitive process in direct response to the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act. EAE PIP has been continued based on resubmission and approval based on available federal funds.

The continuation grant must insure that midyear and year end evaluations have met standards and goals have been achieved.

Enfield Adult Education is requesting continuation for Year 5 of the following;

TRANSITION: POST SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Grant total is \$40,000.

The guiding principles are those of partnership, flexibility, accountability and improved quality of services. The purpose of the grant is to create partnerships to assist adults:

- To complete a secondary school education
- To obtain educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children (if parents).
- To become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency.

Therefore, the Enfield Board of Education may take any action deemed appropriate regarding the approval of the continuation of the Adult Education Program Improvement Project (PIP) as presented.

APPENDIX B
PRIORITY AREA ABSTRACT
 Each priority area must have its own abstract

Priority Area Name: <i>Transition: Post Secondary Education and Training</i>	Project Title: EAE Post Secondary Education Transition Program Improvement Project
Applicant Organization: Enfield Adult and Continuing Education	Project Director: Kathy Chapdelaine
Beginning Date: 7/1/2016	End Date: 6/30/17
Requested Federal Funds: \$40,000	Program(ABE, ESL, GED, CDP, NEDP, Citizenship): ABE/GED, CDP, NEDP, ESL, Citizenship
Planned Number of Students: 35	Cost Per Student: \$1,143

STATEMENT OF NEED/TARGET POPULATION:

EAE students that do not have a secondary diploma or its equivalent and need additional services to transition into and progress within post secondary and/or training programs.

Students who have:

- 16 or more credits
- Indicated readiness on GED GET READY
- NEDP program readiness and are at the portfolio review stage of the program
- Advanced ESL

PROJECT DESIGN: EAE will continue to provide supports and enhancements to the transition services and partnerships along with the current initiatives of case/team management with ACC. ICA (Integrated Career Awareness) curriculum is reflected in all programming. Integrated services continue to involve (but are not limited to) assessments, BRIDGE programs, counseling (embedded and one on one) and a robust variety of support structures face to face as well as hybrid. *Transition Thursdays*, a series of workshops at ACC taught and facilitated by EAE will continue for the 7th year of the partnership. Advanced ESL has expanded its *Transition for ELL* programming.

Students will be eligible for a college course, CSA 105 *Introduction to Software*, or other identified STEM courses that are components in the student career pathways.

**III. APPENDICES
APPENDIX A**

**APPLICATION COVER
FOR 2016 –17 ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education**

Title Of Grant: Enfield Adult Education Program Improvement

Applicant Organization: Enfield Public Schools

Initiated By: Kathy Chapdelaine

Project Director: Kathy Chapdelaine, Director
Enfield Adult and Continuing Education
1010 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

Submitted By: Jeffrey Schumann, Superintendent
Enfield Public Schools, 27 Shaker Road, Enfield, CT

**Signature of Superintendent of
Schools or Chief Executive
Officer of Agency:** _____

Priority Area	Code	Funds Requested	Matching Funds
Transition: Preparing for 21 st Century Careers– <i>Elementary ESL and ABE/GED</i>	AE-13-1E		
Transition: Preparing for 21 st Century Careers - <i>Secondary</i>	AE-13-1S		
Family Literacy – <i>Elementary ESL and ABE/GED</i>	AE-13-2E		
Family Literacy- <i>Secondary</i>	AE-13-2S		
Nontraditional Adult Education Instruction and Services	AE-13-3		
Expansion of the National External Diploma Program	AE-13-4		
Transition: Post-Secondary Education and Training	AE-13-5	40,000	10,000
Transition: Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST)	AE-13-6		
English Language Acquisition/ Civics Education	AE-13-7		
CT Adult Virtual High School	AE-13-8		
Total Funds Requested			
Date Submitted:	Date of Board/Agency Approval:		

APPENDIX E

B-11: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary takeover transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of roles implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which

this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Non-procurement List.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by *this* clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

1. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Enfield Public Schools

Name of Applicant

Dr. Jeffrey Schumann

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature

PIP AE Continuation Grant

PR/AWARD Number and/or Project Name

Date

APPENDIX F

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STANDARD STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES GRANT PROGRAMS

PROJECT TITLE: Enfield Adult Education Program Improvement Grant

THE APPLICANT: Enfield Public Schools HEREBY ASSURES THAT:

- A. The applicant has the necessary legal authority to apply for and receive the proposed grant;
- B. The filing of this application has been authorized by the applicant's governing body, and the undersigned official has been duly authorized to file this application for and on behalf of said applicant, and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the applicant in connection with this application;
- C. The activities and services for which assistance is sought under this grant will be administered by or under the supervision and control of the applicant;
- D. The project will be operated in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and in compliance with regulations and other policies and administrative directives of the Connecticut State Board of Education and the Connecticut State Department of Education;
- E. Grant funds shall not be used to supplant funds normally budgeted by the agency;
- F. Fiscal control and accounting procedures will be used to ensure proper disbursement of all funds awarded;
- G. The applicant will submit a final project report (within 60 days of the project completion) and such other reports, as specified, to the Connecticut State Department of Education including information relating to the project records and access thereto as the Connecticut State Department of Education may find necessary;
- H. The Connecticut State Department of Education reserves the exclusive right to use and grant the right to use and/or publish any part or parts of any summary, abstract, reports, publications, records and materials resulting from this project and this grant;
- I. If the project achieves the specified objectives, every reasonable effort will be made to continue the project and/or implement the results after the termination of state/federal funding;
- J. The applicant will protect and save harmless the State Board of Education from financial loss and expense, including legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any breach of the duties, in whole or part, described in the application for the grant;
- K. At the conclusion of each grant period, the applicant will provide for an independent audit report acceptable to the grantor in accordance with Sections 7-394a and 7-396a of the Connecticut General Statutes, and the applicant shall return to the Connecticut State Department of Education any moneys not expended in accordance with the approved program/operation budget as determined by the audit;
- L. **Required Contract Language:**

1) References in this section to "contract" shall mean this grant agreement and references to "contractor" shall mean the Grantee.

For the purposes of this section, "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

For the purposes of this section "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one per cent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) Who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of section 32-9n; and "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations. "Good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements.

2) (a) The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut. The contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (b) the contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (c) the contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (d) the contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and sections 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to sections 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; (e) the contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the contractor as relate to the provisions of this section and section 46a-56.

3) Determination of the contractor's good faith efforts shall include but shall not be limited to the following factors: The contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.

4) The contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.

5) The contractor shall include the provisions of section (2) above in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the state and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with section 46a-56; provided, if such contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the contractor may request the state of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the state and the state may so enter.

6) The contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this section as the term of this contract and any amendments thereto as they exist on the date of the contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this contract and any amendments thereto.

7) (a) The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation,

in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (b) the contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (c) the contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to section 46a-56; (d) the contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the contractor which relate to the provisions of this section and section 46a-56.

8) The contractor shall include the provisions of section (7) above in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the state and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with section 46a-56; provided, if such contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the contractor may request the state of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the state and the state may so enter.

M. The grant award is subject to approval of the CSDE and availability of state or federal funds.

N. The applicant agrees and warrants that Sections 4 -190 to 4 -197, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning the Personal Data Act and Sections 10-4-8 to 10-4-10, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies promulgated thereunder are hereby incorporated by reference.

I, the undersigned authorized official; hereby certify that these assurances shall be fully implemented.

Signature	_____
Name (typed)	Dr. Jeffrey Schumann
Title (typed)	Superintendent of Schools
Date	_____

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Policy Committee – First Reading Recommendations for June 14, 2016

Policy #3512 Pest Management Program:

No policy changes are needed – review date needed on Line #190

Policy #4118.5 Computer Network and/or Internet Use Policy:

Changes were made on Line #30 – new language added

Changes were made on Lines #87, 94 & 95 – new references were added

Revised date needed on Line #103

Policy #4122 Substitute Teachers:

Changes were made on Lines #15, 32, 33 & 37. Language was removed throughout this policy.

Revised date needed on Line #80

Policy #5113 Attendance Policy: K-12:

Changes were made to the entire policy.

Revised date needed on Line #423

Policy #5131 Student Discipline:

Changes were made on Lines #160, 161, 259, 261-266, 316, 317, 320-324 & 345-350

Revised date needed on Line #843

Policy #5132 Dress Code:

No changes are needed – review date needed on Line #50

Policy #5140.2 Sexual Abuse & Assault Awareness/Prevention Program:

Changes were made to the entire policy

Revised date needed on Line #457

Policy #5141.21 Administration of Prescribed Medicine:

Changes were made on Lines #13, 14, 21, 22 & 24

Revised date needed on Line #50

Policy #6141.32 Computer Network and/or Internet Student Acceptable Use Agreement

Policy:

Changes were made Lines #12-15 – new references were added

Revised date needed on Line #23

**ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

3512.

1.0 Administration

1.1 The Superintendent is responsible for the overall program. Principals are responsible for their schools.

1.2 A Pest Management Coordinator shall be appointed to assist the Superintendent in developing an Integrated Pest Management Program in all the schools. The Coordinator's Position Description shall require that she/he develop administrative procedures to implement this Board Policy, to define regulatory compliance, and to distribute information to the schools.

2.0 Definition

2.1 A "pesticide", under Public Act No. 99-165, means a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, a herbicide, or a rodenticide, but does not mean a sanitizer, disinfectant, antimicrobial agent, or pesticide bait.

2.2 A "pesticide applicator", under Public Act No. 99-165, means an individual with supervisory certification under section 22a-54 of the Connecticut General Statutes or an individual with operational certification under section 22a-54 of the General Statutes under the direct supervision of a supervisory pesticide applicator.

2.3 An "integrated pest management program", under Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-661, is a program which incorporates all available pest control methods which include sanitation, structural maintenance, mechanical and biological control along with the judicious use of pesticides. The goal of an IPM program is to reduce the amount of pesticides applied while maintaining pest populations at or below an acceptable level. By reducing the amount of pesticides applied, the risk of exposure for building occupants is also reduced.

2.4 A "restricted use pesticide", under Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-47, is a pesticide which can only be applied by a "pesticide applicator".

3.0 Integrated Pest Management Program

3.1 The Pest Management Coordinator shall implement a pest management program that is consistent with an applicable model plan provided by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection under Section 22a-661 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

50 3.2 The Pest Management Coordinator shall, on and after July 1, 2000 at
51 the beginning of each school year, provide the staff of each school and
52 the parents or guardians of each child enrolled in each school a written
53 statement of the policy on pesticide application, and a description of
54 any pesticide applications made in the previous year (including parents
55 or guardians of any child who transfers to a school during the school
56 year).

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58 **4.0 Notification**

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60 4.1 On and after July 1, 2000 parents or guardians of children in any
61 school and school staff may register for prior notice of any pesticide
62 application at their school.

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64 4.2 Each school shall maintain a registry of persons requiring prior notice
65 of pesticide applications at their facility.

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67 4.3 The Pest Management Coordinator shall provide for notice to parents
68 and guardians who have registered prior to the application of a
69 pesticide.

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71 4.4 The Pest Management Coordinator shall provide for notice, by any
72 means practical, to school staff who have registered for such notice.

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74 4.5 The notice shall include the names of the active ingredient of the
75 pesticide being applied, the target pest, the location and application on
76 school property, the date of the scheduled application, and the name of
77 the Pest Management Coordinator or a designee who may be contacted
78 for further information.

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80 **5.0 Pesticide Application**

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82 5.1 In determining when to control pests and whether to use mechanical,
83 physical, chemical or biological means, the Enfield Public Schools shall
84 follow the principals of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The
85 Superintendent or his/her designee, shall ensure that the District
86 follows Integrated Pest Management procedures so as to use the most
87 appropriate and least toxic method of control.

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89 5.2 Procedures shall include the following:

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91 a. The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other
92 available options and a determination that these options are not
93 acceptable or feasible. The full range of alternatives, including no
94 action, will be taken.

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96 b. Selected non-chemical pest management methods will be used
97 whenever possible to provide the desired control. Cost or staffing
98 considerations alone will not be adequate justification for use of
99 chemical control agents.

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- c. The pest and the site of infestation shall be carefully identified. Strategies for managing the pest will be influenced by the pest species and whether that species poses a threat to people, property or the environment.
 - d. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, the least hazardous material will be chosen and applied in accordance with EPA registered label directions.
 - e. Pesticides shall be stored in a secure site not accessible to students or unauthorized staff. Such storage and any disposal of the pesticide shall be in accordance with EP registered label directions.
 - f. Staff, students and parents/guardians shall receive information about the district's Integrated Pest Management policy and procedures and notification of any upcoming pesticide treatments. Notice of upcoming pesticide treatments shall also be posted in areas designated by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
 - g. The following records shall be maintained at each school site:
 - 1. Records of pesticide use at the site for a period of five years.
 - 2. Pest surveillance data sheets that record the number of pests or other indicators of pest populations that verify the need for treatments.
 - h. Persons applying pesticides shall follow label precautions and shall be trained in the principles and practices of Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
 - i. Sanitary measures shall be enforced and buildings regularly cleaned and repaired in order to prevent infestations, minimize the use of pesticides and to eliminate routine spraying.
 - j. An emergency application of pesticides is defined as when an application of pesticides is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health and where it is impractical to obtain the services of a certified pesticide applicator provided such emergency application does not involve a restricted use pesticide as defined in CGS 22a-47. Restricted use pesticides may be used only by certified applicators or under their direct supervision.

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(Note: Restricted use pesticides, classified by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency or the DEP are those which may present a hazard to the applicator or other people by reason of acute dermal or inhalation toxicity or which may have an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment).

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- k. No application of pesticide, after July 1, 2000, may be made in any building or on school grounds during, regular school hours or during planned activities at the school except an emergency application.
- l. If an emergency application is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health, such application shall not involve a restricted use pesticide and no child may enter the area of such application until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.
- m. In cases of an emergency application, effective July 1, 2000 prior notice is not necessary except that on or before the day the application is to take place, prior notice is given to those persons who have previously requested such notice.

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**ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

COMPUTER NETWORK AND/OR INTERNET USE POLICY

4118.5

I. POLICY

The Board of Education (the "Board) complies with all state and federal regulations regarding the retention, storage and destruction of electronic information and records. The superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for developing and implementing administrative regulations concerning the retention, storage and destruction of electronic information and the dissemination of such administrative regulations to all employees.

II. USE OF E-MAIL AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Board of Education provides computers, a computer network, including Internet access an e-mail system, as well as any electronic devices that access the network such as wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held equipment that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture and recording, sound recording, information transmitting and/or receiving, storing, etc. (including but not limited to, personal laptops, smartphones, network access devices, Kindles, Nooks, cellular telephones, radios, walkmen, CD players, i-Pads or other tablet computers, walkie-talkies, Blackberries, personal data assistants, i-Phones, Androids and other electronic signaling devices), (referred to collectively as "the computer systems"), in order to enhance both the educational opportunities for our students and the business operations of the district.

Electronic messages sent by school officials and employees as part of their work and/or by using the district's computer systems and/or network are not private communications and are potentially subject to disclosure. In accordance with applicable laws and administrative regulations, employees must understand that the Board has reserved the right to conduct monitoring of these computer systems and may do so despite the assignment to individual employees of passwords for system security. Any password systems implemented by the District are designed solely to provide system security from unauthorized users, not to provide privacy to the individual system user.

The system's security aspects, message delete function and personal passwords may be bypassed for monitoring purposes. Therefore, employees must be aware that they should not have any expectation of personal privacy in the use of these computer systems. This provision applies to any and all uses of the District's computer systems, including any incidental personal use permitted in accordance with the Board's policy and regulations regarding computer use by employees.

Any retained messages may be retrieved as part of routine monitoring by the Board, an employee investigation or formal discovery process as part of litigation. Employees should bear in mind that e-mail messages may be retained at different locations within the computer network and that these messages are subject to retrieval. Consequently, employees should use discretion when using computers or other electronic technology to send, record or retain electronic communications and information.

III. RETENTION OF ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION

Electronic communications on District computers or electronic communication systems shall be retained only as long as necessary. The same record retention policy that applies to paper records applies to electronically stored information, including e-mail communications.

56 Therefore, like paper records, the content and function of an electronic record, including e-mail
57 communications, determines the retention period for that document. The District will comply
58 with all of the minimum standards set forth in the Municipal Records Retention Schedules, as
59 issued by the Office of the Public Records Administrator for the State of Connecticut.
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61 In addition to the retention guidelines established by the Board and used by school district
62 officials and employees, all school officials and employees have a duty to preserve all records
63 and electronic information including records and electronic information that might otherwise
64 be deleted or destroyed, that relate to any matter that is currently in litigation or may be
65 anticipated to involve future litigation.
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- Connecticut General Statutes 31-48d 53a182; 53a-250**
- Connecticut General Statutes 1-200(5); 1-211; 1-213 (b)(3)**
- Connecticut General Statutes 7-109**
- Connecticut General Statutes 11-8 et seq.**
- General Letters 98-1, 96-2, 2001-1 and 2009-2 of the Public Records Administrator**
- Record Retention Schedules Towns, Municipalities and Boards of Education**
- Public Act 15-6 "An Act Concerning Employee Online Privacy"**
- Electronic Communication Privacy Act, 28 §8v.s.c.2510 through 2520**

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**ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Enfield, Connecticut**



**Administrative
Regulation 4118.5**

COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT - PERSONNEL

Policies and Regulations for Computer Use:

By signing below, you are agreeing to adhere to the attached Enfield Public Schools Policies and administrative regulations for computer, networks and Internet services use while using school technology.

**Print
Name:** _____ **School:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Reference: Policy # 4118.5: Computer Network and/or Internet Use Policy

<u>Administrative Regulations:</u>	4118.51	Web Site/Pages
	4118.6	Computer Security
	4118.61	Password Security
	4118.7	Electronic Mail
	4118.8	Off Site Technology Equipment Use

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**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

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Qualifications for Substitute Teachers - Substitute teachers shall be eligible for employment upon the submission of a completed application form, proof of degree, satisfaction of all applicable State Laws pertaining to employment (i.e. fingerprint check), and any applicable screening measures utilized by the district.

Compensation - The pay schedule and any attendant benefits for substitute teachers are set by the Superintendent of Schools.

Classifications - The Board of Education acknowledges that varying conditions and student needs require different responses in temporarily replacing classroom teachers. The Board requires the Personnel Department to call upon the most qualified substitutes available for each assignment.

Should circumstances require a substitute for a longer time than expected on a single assignment, and both the administration and the substitute agree on the Extension. The administration retains the right to terminate the agreement at any stage during a substitute's service if student needs can be more aptly met by a change.

Per Diem Substitutes - Per Diem substitutes are those whose assignments range from a half workday to five full workdays.

Long-term Substitutes - Long-term substitutes are those whose assignments are expected to exceed five consecutive working days. The Superintendent may negotiate salary and conditions of employment.

Interim Teacher Substitutes - Interim Substitutes are those engaged to replace the same classroom teacher for more than twenty consecutive teaching days. The Superintendent may negotiate salary and conditions of employment.

Permanent Substitutes - The superintendent may employ permanent substitute teachers to be assigned as needed.

Permanent substitutes are full time employees of the district and expected to report to work each school day. Where possible, they will receive their specific assignments on the previous school day and report to the appropriate building office. Should no classroom assignment exist, the substitute will be assigned other duties after reporting to his or her designated supervisor.

Specialized Candidates Exceptional Situations - In cases involving extended periods and when a substitute with specialized skills is required to meet student needs, the Superintendent may negotiate salary and conditions of

50 employment apart from the published schedule in the administrative'
51 regulations to obtain the services of a satisfactorily qualified substitute.

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**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

ATTENDANCE POLICY: K-12

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Connecticut law requires that children attend school regularly during the hours and terms that the public school is in session, unless specifically exempted from attendance by law. The Superintendent of Schools shall establish such procedures as deemed necessary to determine the cause of habitual truancy, including medical verification for excessive absence, and shall cooperate with other private and governmental agencies in correcting the causes thereof.

Experience indicates that regular school attendance is important for school success. These regulations reflect our belief that classroom learning activities are an essential part of the curriculum for all students and are intended to reduce tardiness and absence from class.

The Connecticut Board of Education adopted new definitions for an absence to be considered excused (see table below on page 2). It is important to note that while the first nine absences in a school year can be deemed excused for any reason the parent or guardian provides, the tenth and each subsequent absence establish a more stringent and specific set of reasons for the absence to qualify as excused.

In cases of an excused absence other than family-initiated travel, appropriate provisions will be made by school staff regarding assistance with missed assignments, homework and tests. When an excused absence is the result of family initiated travel, teachers are under no obligation to provide advance assignments or to review work missed during the period of absence. However, students must be allowed to take make-up tests. The student's Principal/Assistant Principal must be notified in writing of extended absences due to family-initiated travel.

32 The State Board of Education defines two levels of criteria for an absence to be considered an
 33 excused absence (see table below).
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Level	Total # of Days Absent*	Acceptable Reasons for a Student Absence to Be Considered Excused	Documentation Required within 10 Days
1	One through nine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any reason that the student's parent or guardian approves. 	Parent or guardian note only.
2	Ten and above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student illness (<i>Note: to be deemed excused, an appropriately licensed medical professional must verify all student illness absences, regardless of the absence's length.</i>) Student's observance of a religious holiday. Death in the student's family or other emergency beyond the control of the student's family. Mandated court appearances (additional documentation required). The lack of transportation that is normally provided by a district other than the one the student attends (parental documentation is not required for this reason). Extraordinary educational opportunities pre-approved by district administrators. (Opportunities must meet certain criteria. 	Parent or guardian note and in some cases additional documentation (see details of specific reason).

36 * Note: The total number of days absent includes both excused and unexcused absences.
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40 **Definitions**

41 **"In attendance"** shall mean a student if present at his/her assigned school/class, or an
 42 activity sponsored by the school (ex. Field trip), for at least half of the regular school day. A
 43 student who is serving an out-of-school suspension or expulsion, should always be considered
 44 absent.

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 46 **"Absence"** means an excused absence, unexcused absence or disciplinary absence, as those
 47 terms are defined by the State Board of Education or an in-school suspension that is greater
 48 than or equal to one-half of a school day.

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 50 **"Truant"** shall mean a student a student age five to eighteen, inclusive, who has four
 51 unexcused absences in any one month, or ten unexcused absences in one school year.

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 53 **"Chronically absent child"** is an enrolled student whose total number of absences at any time
 54 during a school year is equal to or greater than ten percent of the total number of days that
 55 such student has been enrolled at such school during such school year.
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57 “**District chronic absenteeism rate**” means the total number of chronically absent children
58 in the previous school year divided by the total number of children under the jurisdiction of the
59 Board of Education for such school year.

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61 “**School chronic absenteeism rate**” means the total number of chronically absent children for
62 a school in the previous school year divided by the total number of children enrolled in such
63 school for such school year.

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66 **EXCUSED ABSENCES (GRADES K – 12)**

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68 A student’s absence from school shall be considered excused if written documentation of the
69 reason for the absence has been submitted within ten school days of the student’s return to
70 school or in accordance with Section 10-210 of the Connecticut General Statutes and meets
71 the following criteria:

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73 A. For absences one through nine, a student’s absences from school are considered
74 excused when the student’s parent/guardian approves such absence and submits
75 appropriate documentation; and
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77 B. For the tenth absence and all absences thereafter, a student’s absences from school
78 are considered excused for the following reasons:
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80 1. student illness (Note: all student illness absences must be verified by an
81 appropriately licensed medical professional to be deemed excused, regardless
82 of the length of absence);
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84 2. student’s observance of a religious holiday;
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86 3. death in the student’s family or other emergency beyond the control of the student’s
87 family;
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89 4. mandated court appearances (additional documentation required);
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91 5. the lack of transportation that is normally provided by a district other than the one
92 the student attends (no parental documentation is required for this reason); or
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94 6. extraordinary educational opportunities pre-approved by district administrators
95 and in accordance with Connecticut State Department of Education guidance.

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97 **Unexcused Absences**

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99 A student’s absence from school shall be considered unexcused unless they meet one of the
100 following criteria:

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102 1. the absence meets the definition for an excused absence (including documentation
103 requirements); or
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105 2. the absence meets the definition of a disciplinary absence.

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108 **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY:**

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110 **Student:**

- 111 • Report to school on time (Grades K-12)

166 the student to school with a signed note stating the time of dismissal. This note should
167 be presented to the school administration before homeroom period or in the morning on
168 the day of the dismissal. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are to sign out their child in the main
169 office. For the protection and safety of the student, dismissals are routinely made only
170 to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of that student. If there are special circumstances that
171 necessitate someone other than the parent(s)/guardian(s) to pick up the student, their
172 name should be stated in the dismissal note.

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175 **TARDY TO SCHOOL (GRADES K-12)**
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177 Tardy to school is defined as a student that enters the school building after the start of
178 the school day or homeroom period. Ensuring that a student arrives to school on time is
179 a parental responsibility. If a student arrives late to school, they need to report to the
180 school office/house office to sign in. The student needs to bring a signed note from a
181 parent(s)/guardian(s) to explain their tardiness.
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184 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (GRADES 9-12)**
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186 Since the classroom is the primary area where most learners experience the acquisition
187 of knowledge, it becomes apparent that attendance in class is a valid, reasonable
188 requirement. It is the position of the Board of Education that mandatory attendance by
189 students is required. The following attendance procedures have been developed to
190 encourage students and parent(s)/guardian(s) to minimize absences in order to gain the
191 maximum benefits from daily classroom activities. Students who fail to meet their
192 responsibilities may lose course credit.
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195 **I. ATTENDANCE TO SCHOOL**
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- 197 1. While the above stated reasons for absences are classified as excused, they will
198 count toward the total number of absences when determining course credit.
199 Suspensions from school do not count towards the total number of absences for
200 loss of credit.
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- 202 2. Students who are participating in school sponsored activities will be considered
203 present for attendance purposes.
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- 205 3. Students who exceed ten (10) absences in semester courses, and twenty (20)
206 absences in yearlong courses, will lose full course credit.
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- 208 4. At the time of notification, the student will be required to date and sign the
209 warning/loss of credit sheet, indicating the impact of the student's attendance on
210 his/her credits. Notification may be sent home unsigned if the student's
211 absenteeism prevents the student from signing the notification in a timely
212 manner. Students who lose credit as a result of this policy, will be given an
213 opportunity to appear before an Appeals Committee.
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215 The intent of this policy is not to say that a certain number of absences from school or a
216 course are acceptable or allowable.
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221 **A. Unexcused Absences**

222 A student's absence from school shall be considered unexcused unless they meet one of
223 the following criteria:
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- 226 1. The absence meets the definition for an excused absence (including
227 documentation requirements);
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- 229 2. The absence meets the definition of a disciplinary absence;
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- 231 3. Students who stay out of school for an entire school day without parental or
232 school consent are considered truant.
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- 234 4. After each truancy, the student will receive a written notification of possible loss of
235 course credit in accordance with the following procedures:
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 - 237 a. Upon the student's first truancy from school or from an individual class, the
238 student shall be issued a written warning that an additional truancy from
239 school or from the specified class, will result in a loss of $\frac{1}{4}$ credit in any
240 classes from which the student was truant. The student shall be required to
241 sign this notification. Notification may be sent home unsigned if the student's
242 absenteeism prevents the student from signing the notification in a timely
243 manner. The student shall be provided a copy of this notification. Additional
244 copies shall be maintained in the student's records.
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 - 246 b. Upon the student's second truancy from school or from an individual class,
247 the student shall be issued a written notification that he/she has lost $\frac{1}{4}$
248 credit in any classes from which the student was truant. The student shall be
249 required to sign this notification. Notification may be sent home unsigned if
250 the student's absenteeism prevents the student from signing the notification
251 in a timely manner. The student shall be provided a copy of this notification.
252 Additional copies shall be maintained in the student's records.
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 - 254 c. A similar pattern of warnings and credit losses will be followed for subsequent
255 truantries. A third truancy from school or from a specified class will result in a
256 warning for potential loss of credit. A fourth truancy from school or from a
257 specified class will result in an additional loss of credit.
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- 259 5. These absences will also count towards the total number of absences under the
260 attendance policy.
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- 262 6. Students will receive a zero (0) for all schoolwork on the day of truancy.
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265 **B. Participation in After - School Activities**

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- 267 1. Students who are absent from school will not be allowed to participate in any after
268 school activity on the day of the absence.
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- 270 2. Students absent on Fridays will not participate in Friday or weekend events.
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- 272 3. At the discretion of the building principal, or the principal's designee, tardy
273 students who have established a pattern of tardiness, may be suspended from
274 after school activities for that day.
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- 276 a. A pattern of tardiness shall be defined as three or more unexcused tardies in
277 a given marking period.
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- 279 b. Students who have established a pattern of tardiness are to be warned that
280 continued tardiness would result in suspension from after school activities
281 before such suspensions are to take place.
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- 283 c. The decision of the building principal or the principal's designee is final.
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- 285 d. The principal or the principal's designee is to notify the student's coach or
286 activity advisor of such a suspension.
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289 **C. Class Attendance**

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291 **A. Tardiness to Class**

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293 1. Excused Tardies to Class

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- 295 a. Students who arrive late to class are expected to obtain a pass from a
296 teacher or administrator, excusing their tardiness.
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- 298 b. Students have up to 24 hours to secure an official pass for the tardiness;
299 otherwise it will be considered an unexcused tardy to class.
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301 2. Unexcused Tardies to Class

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- 303 a. Unexcused tardies to class will be treated as part of the attendance policy.
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- 305 b. Every two (2) unexcused tardies will be the equivalent of one (1) absence from
306 class and will be included in the total number of absences that cannot be
307 exceeded in order to gain course credit.
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- 309 c. Students who arrive to class after the mid-point of the period without a pass
310 excusing their tardiness, will be charged with an unexcused absence.
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- 312 d. Students will be subject to disciplinary action for each unexcused tardy in the
313 form of teacher detention, office detention or possible suspension from school.
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- 315 e. Teachers will notify parent(s)/guardian(s) when a student is developing a
316 pattern of habitual tardiness to class.
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319 **B. Unexcused Absences from Class**

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- 321 1. Students who deliberately miss class will be subject to disciplinary action in the
322 form of administrative detention and possible suspension from school.
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- 324 2. Students will receive a zero (0) for all schoolwork missed.
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- 326 3. Unexcused absences from class will result in possible loss of course credit in
327 accordance with Section I, Part A, Item 2.
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- 329 4. These absences are also included in the total accumulated per class.
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C. Dismissals from School

1. Included here are classes missed when a student has an early dismissal. The only acceptable reasons for leaving school early are those stated in the section dealing with excused absences from school.
2. Dismissals from class due to activities such as field trips, band lessons, and other school sponsored activities, will not count towards the total number of course absences.

II. APPEAL PROCEDURE

- A. Any student who has lost credit as a result of any portion of the attendance policy may request from his/her Assistant Principal, a hearing for the purpose of restoring the credit.
- B. The student may meet with his/her guidance counselor and submit a written explanation for the reason(s) why the credit should be restored.
- C. The completed request form is to be returned to the student's Assistant Principal no less than five (5) school days before the end of the quarter. Appeals filed after that date; will not be heard unless the student was notified of his/her loss of credit after that date. In such cases, students are to file their appeals to the Appeals Committee during that quarter.
- D. An Appeals Committee will meet at least quarterly. The voting members of the Appeals Committee will consist of an administrator, a guidance counselor (or a neutral teacher), and a neutral teacher.
- E. The Appeals Committee may re-instate credit for absences in excess of ten (10) for semester courses, twenty (20) for yearlong courses, or for unexcused absences.
 1. Re-instatement of credit may only be granted when the excessive or unexcused absenteeism is the result of extraordinary circumstances.
 2. The Appeals Committee may grant waivers on a conditional basis, requiring changes in student behaviors to validate the waiver.
- F. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will have the opportunity to present all corroborating information in support of the appeal at the hearing.
- G. The Appeals Committee will render a decision within three (3) school days after the conclusion of the hearing and so notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student of the decision in writing.
- H. The decision of the Appeals Committee panel is final.

III. CREDIT LOSS/RESTORATION

- A. Students who lose course credit due to the attendance policy may be permitted to remain in the course and receive a grade for the following purposes: to maintain

385 full-time student status, G.P.A. computation, eligibility for summer school,
386 eligibility for extracurricular activities and for the student's transcript.

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388 B. Credit lost due to the attendance policy may be restored by one of the following
389 methods:

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391 1. Repeat the course during the school year.
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393 2. Attend summer school (provided summer school requirements are satisfied).
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395 3. Repeat the course during the summer at an approved college.

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398 **IV.** The Board of Education recognizes the seriousness of absenteeism and
399 authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to develop administrative regulations to
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**ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

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I. Definitions

- A. **Exclusion** means any denial of public school privileges to a student for disciplinary purposes.
- B. **Emergency** means a situation in which the continued presence of the student in school poses such a danger to persons or property or such a disruption of the educational process that a hearing may be delayed until a time as soon after the exclusion of such student as possible.
- C. **School-Sponsored Activity** means any activity sponsored, recognized or authorized by the Board and includes activities conducted on or off school property.
- D. **Removal** is the exclusion of a student for a class period of ninety minutes or less.
- A student may be removed from class by a teacher or administrator if he/she deliberately causes a serious disruption of the educational process. When a student is removed, the teacher must send him/her to a designated area and notify the principal or his/her designee at once. A student may not be removed from class more than six times in one school year nor more than twice in one week unless the student is referred to the building principal or designee and granted an informal hearing at which the student should be informed of the reasons for the disciplinary action and given an opportunity to explain the situation.
- E. **In-School Suspension** means an exclusion from regular classroom activity for no more than five consecutive school days, but not exclusion from school, provided such exclusion shall not extend beyond the end of the school year in which such in-school suspension was imposed. No student shall be placed on in-school suspension more than fifteen (15) times or a total of fifty (50) days in one school year, whichever results in fewer days of exclusion.
- F. **Suspension** means the exclusion of a student from school and/or transportation services for not more than ten (10) consecutive school days, provided such suspension shall not extend beyond the end of the school year in which such suspension is imposed; and further provided no student shall be suspended more than ten (10) times or a total of fifty (50) days in one school year, whichever results in fewer days of exclusion, unless such student is granted a formal hearing as provided below.
- G. **Expulsion** means the exclusion of a student from school privileges for more than ten (10) consecutive school days. The expulsion period may not extend beyond one calendar year.
- H. **School Days** shall mean days when school is in session for students.
- I. **Seriously Disruptive of the Educational Process** means any conduct that markedly interrupts or severely impedes the day-to-day operation of a school.

- 58 J. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the reassignment of a student from one
 59 regular education classroom program in the district to another regular
 60 education classroom program in the district shall not constitute a
 61 suspension or expulsion.
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 63 K. **Bullying** – repeated use by one or more students of a written, verbal, or
 64 electronic communication such as cyberbullying, or a physical act or gesture
 65 repeatedly directed at another student in the same school district that:
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 67 a. causes physical or emotional harm to the student or damage to the
 68 student’s property;
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 70 b. places the student in reasonable fear of harm to himself or herself, or of
 71 damage to the student’s property;
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 73 c. creates a hostile environment at school for such student (bullying among
 74 students is sufficiently severe and pervasive as to alter the conditions of
 75 the school climate);
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 77 d. infringes on the rights of the student at school, or
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 79 e. substantially disrupts the educational process or the orderly operation of
 80 a school.
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82 Bulling explicitly includes, but is not limited to:

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 84 A written, verbal, or electronic communications, or physical acts or gestures
 85 that are based on any actual or perceived differentiating characteristics,
 86 such as race, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender
 87 identity and expression, socioeconomic status, academic status, physical
 88 appearance, or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disability, or by
 89 association with an individual or group who is perceived to have one or more
 90 of such characteristics.
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- 92 L. **Cyberbullying** – any act of bullying using the internet, interactive and digital
 93 technologies, cellular mobile telephone or other mobile electronic devices, or
 94 any electronic communications.
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97 **II. Scope of the Student Discipline Policy**

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 99 A. **Conduct on School Grounds or at a School-Sponsored Activity:**

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 101 Students may be disciplined for conduct on school grounds or at any school-
 102 sponsored activity, that endangers persons or property, is seriously
 103 disruptive of the educational process, or that violates a publicized policy of
 104 the Board.
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106 B. **Conduct off School Grounds:**

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 108 1. Students may be disciplined for conduct off school grounds if such
 109 conduct is seriously disruptive of the educational process and
 110 violative of a publicized policy of the Board. In making a
 111 determination as to whether such conduct is seriously disruptive of
 112 the educational process, the Administration and the Board of
 113 Education may consider, but such consideration shall not be limited
 114 to, the following factors: (1) whether the incident occurred within
 115 close proximity of a school; (2) whether other students from the

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school were involved or whether there was any gang involvement;
(3) whether the conduct involved violence, threats of violence, or the
unlawful use of a weapon, as defined in section Conn. Gen. Stat. §
29-38, and whether any injuries occurred; and (4) whether the
conduct involved the use of alcohol.

In making a determination as to whether such conduct is seriously
disruptive of the educational process, the Administration and/or the
Board of Education may also consider whether such off-campus
conduct involved the use of drugs, bullying, harassment, hostile
environment or emotional/physical harm to any student.

2. When considering whether conduct off school grounds is seriously
disruptive of the educational process, the term "weapon" means any
pistol or revolver, any dirk knife or switch knife having an automatic
spring release devise by which a blade is released from the handle,
having a blade of over one and one-half inches in length, and any
other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument, including any sling
shot, black jack, sand bag, metal or brass knuckles, stiletto, knife,
the edged portion of the blade of which is four inches and over in
length or martial arts weapon as defined below at section VI.B.

III. Actions Leading to Disciplinary Action, including Suspension and/or Expulsion

Conduct which may lead to disciplinary action (including but not limited to
suspension and/or expulsion) includes conduct on school grounds or at a school-
sponsored activity, and conduct off school grounds, as set forth above. Such
conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Striking or assaulting a student, members of the school staff or other
persons.
2. Theft.
3. The use of obscene or profane language or gestures.
4. Violation of smoking, dress, transportation regulations, or other
regulations and/or policies governing student conduct.
5. Refusal to obey a member of the school staff, or law enforcement
authorities, or disruptive classroom behavior.
6. Any act of harassment based on an individual's sex, sexual
orientation, race, color, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry,
gender identity or expression or any other characteristic protected by
law.
7. Refusal by a student to identify himself/herself to a staff member
when asked.
8. A walk-out from or sit-in within a classroom or school building or
school grounds.
9. Blackmailing, harassing, threatening or intimidating school staff or
students.
10. Possession of any weapon, weapon facsimile, deadly weapon, pistol,
knife, blackjack, bludgeon, box cutter, metal knuckles, pellet gun,

- 174 explosive device, firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, whether
175 functional or not, or any other dangerous object.
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- 177 11. Unauthorized entrance into any school facility or portion of a school
178 facility or aiding or abetting an unauthorized entrance.
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- 180 12. Possession or ignition of any fireworks or other explosive materials,
181 or ignition of any material causing a fire.
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- 183 13. Unauthorized possession, sale, distribution, use or consumption of
184 synthetic substances, tobacco, drugs, narcotics or alcoholic
185 beverages or any substance that may cause physical and/or mental
186 impairment. For the purposes of this Paragraph 13, the term "drugs"
187 shall include, but shall not be limited to, any medicinal preparation
188 (prescription and non-prescription) and any controlled substance
189 whose possession, sale, distribution, use or consumption is illegal
190 under state and/or federal law.
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- 192 14. Possession of paraphernalia used or designed to be used in the
193 consumption, sale or distribution of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, as
194 described in subparagraph (13) above.
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- 196 15. The destruction of real, personal or school property, such as, cutting,
197 defacing or otherwise damaging property in any way.
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- 199 16. Accumulation of offenses such as school and class tardiness, class or
200 study hall cutting, or failure to attend detention.
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- 202 17. Trespassing on school grounds while on out-of-school suspension or
203 expulsion.
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- 205 18. Making false bomb threats or other threats to the safety of students,
206 staff members, and/or other persons.
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- 208 19. Defiance of school rules and the valid authority of teachers,
209 supervisors, administrators, other staff members and/or law
210 enforcement authorities.
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- 212 20. Throwing snowballs, rocks, sticks and/or similar objects.
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- 214 21. Unauthorized and/or reckless and/or improper operation of a motor
215 vehicle on school grounds or at any school-sponsored activity.
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- 217 22. Leaving school grounds, school transportation or a school-sponsored
218 activity without authorization.
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- 220 23. Use of or copying of the academic work of another individual and
221 presenting it as the student's own work, without proper attribution.
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- 223 24. Possession and/or use of a radio, walkman, beeper, paging device,
224 cellular telephone, walkie talkie or similar electronic device on school
225 grounds or at a school-sponsored activity without the written
226 permission of the principal or his/her designee.
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- 228 25. Unauthorized use of any school computer, computer system,
229 computer software, Internet connection or similar school property or
230 system, or the use of such property or system for unauthorized or
231 non-school related purposes.

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26. Possession and/or use of a laser pointer.
 27. Hazing.
 28. Bullying.
 29. Cyberbullying that creates a hostile environment at school for any student (a) infringes on the rights of a student at school or (b) substantially disrupts the educational process or orderly operation of the school.
 30. Any act of discrimination and/or retaliation against a person who reports or assists in the investigation of a bullying complaint.
 31. Any other violation of school rules or regulations or a series of violations which makes the presence of the student in school seriously disruptive of the educational process and/or a danger to persons or property.
 32. Any action prohibited by any Federal or State law which would indicate that the student presents a danger to any person in the school community or school property.

256 **IV. Procedures Governing Suspension**

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- A. The principal of a school, or designee on the administrative staff of the school, shall have the right to suspend any student in grades 3-12 for breach of conduct as noted in Section II of this policy for not more than ten (10) consecutive school days. Students in grades Pre-K-2 can receive both an in-school suspension or an out of school suspension only after an informal hearing and the administration determines that an in-school or out of school suspension is appropriate for the student based on evidence that the student's conduct is of a violent or sexual nature that endangers persons. In such cases, the following procedures shall be followed.
1. Unless an emergency situation exists, no student shall be suspended prior to having an informal hearing before the principal or designee at which the student is informed of the charges and given an opportunity to respond. In the event of an emergency, the informal hearing shall be held as soon after the suspension as possible.
 2. Evidence of past disciplinary problems which have led to removal from a classroom, suspension, or expulsion of a student who is the subject of an informal hearing may be received by the principal, but only considered in the determination of the length of suspensions.
 3. By telephone, the principal or designee shall make reasonable attempts to immediately notify the parent or guardian of a minor student following the suspension and state the cause(s) leading to the suspension.
 4. Whether or not telephone contact is made with the parent or guardian of such minor student, the principal or designee shall forward a letter promptly to such parent or guardian to the last address reported on school records (or to a newer address if known by the principal, or designee), offering the parent or guardian an opportunity for a conference to discuss same.

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5. Notice of the original suspension shall be transmitted by the principal or designee to the Superintendent or his/her designee by the close of the school day following the commencement of the suspension.
 6. The student shall be allowed to complete any classwork, including examinations, without penalty, which he or she missed while under suspension.
 7. Notice of the suspension shall be recorded in the student's cumulative educational record. Such notice shall be expunged from the cumulative educational record by the Board if the student graduates from high school.
 8. The decision of the principal or designee with regard to disciplinary actions up to and including suspensions shall be final.
- B. In cases where the student has already been suspended, or such suspension will result in the student's being suspended, more than ten (10) times or fifty (50) days in a school year, whichever results in fewer days of exclusion, the student shall, prior to suspension, be granted a formal hearing before the Board of Education. The principal or designee shall report the student to the Superintendent or his/her designee and request a formal Board hearing.

V. Procedures Governing In-School Suspension

- A. The principal or designee may impose in-school suspension for students in grades 3-12 in cases where a student's conduct endangers persons or property, violates school policy, seriously disrupts the educational process or in other appropriate circumstances as determined by the principal or designee. Students in grades Pre-K-2 can receive both an in-school suspension or an out of school suspension only after an informal hearing and the administration determines that an in-school or out of school suspension is appropriate for the student based on evidence that the student's conduct is of a violent or sexual nature that endangers persons.
- B. In-school suspension may not be imposed on a student without an informal hearing by the building principal or designee.
- C. By telephone, the principal or designee shall make reasonable attempts to immediately notify the parent or guardian of a minor student following the suspension and state the cause(s) leading to the suspension.
- D. Whether or not telephone contact is made with the parent or guardian of such minor student, the principal or designee shall forward a letter promptly to such parent or guardian to the last address reported on school records (or to a newer address if known by the principal, or designee), offering the parent or guardian an opportunity for a conference to discuss same.
- E. No student shall be placed on in-school suspension more than fifteen (15) times or a total of fifty (50) days in one school year, whichever results in fewer days of exclusion.

VI. Expulsion Recommendation Procedure

- A. A principal may consider recommendation of expulsion of a student in grades 3-12 in a case where he/she has reason to believe the student has engaged in conduct described at sections IIA. and IIB., above. A principal

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can recommend expulsion for students in grades Pre-K-2 if the student has engaged in conduct that would warrant mandatory expulsion under Connecticut General Statute 10-233d.

B. A principal must recommend expulsion proceedings in all cases against any student whom the Administration has reason to believe:

1. was in possession on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity of a deadly weapon, dangerous instrument, martial arts weapon, or firearm as defined in 18 USC 921 as amended from time to time; or
2. off school grounds, possessed a firearm as defined in 18 USC 921, in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. 29-35, or possessed and used a firearm as defined in 18 USC 921, a deadly weapon, a dangerous instrument or a martial arts weapon in the commission of a crime under section 952 of the Connecticut General Statutes; or
3. was engaged on or off school grounds in offering for sale or distribution a controlled substance (as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §21a-240(9)), whose manufacturing, distribution, sale, prescription, dispensing, transporting, or possessing with intent to sell or dispense, offering or administering is subject to criminal penalties under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§21a-277 and 21a-278.
4. The following definitions shall be used in this section:
 - a. A "firearm" as defined in 18 USC 921 means (a) any weapon that will, is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, (b) the frame or receiver of any such weapon, (c) a muffler or silencer, or (d) any destructive device. As used in this definition, a "destructive device" includes any explosive, incendiary, or poisonous gas device, including a bomb, a grenade, a rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, a missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, a mine, or a similar device; or any weapon (other than a shotgun or shotgun shell particularly suited for sporting purposes) that will or may be converted to expel a projectile by explosive or other propellant having a barrel with a bore of more than ½" in diameter. The term "destructive device" does not include: an antique firearm; a rifle intended to be used by the owner solely for sporting, recreational, or cultural purposes; or any device which is neither designed nor redesigned for use as a weapon.
 - b. "Deadly weapon" means any weapon, whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged, or a switchblade knife, gravity knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon or metal knuckles.
 - c. "Dangerous instrument" means any instrument, article or substance which, under the circumstances in which it is used or attempted or threatened to be used, is capable of causing death or serious physical injury, and includes a "vehicle".
 - d. "Martial arts weapon" means a nunchaku, kama, kasari-fundo, octagon sai, tonfa or chinese star.

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407 e. When considering whether conduct off school grounds is
408 seriously disruptive of the educational process, the term
409 "weapon" means any pistol or revolver, any dirk knife or
410 switch knife or any knife having an automatic spring release
411 device by which a blade is released from the handle, having a
412 blade of over one and one-half inches in length, and any other
413 dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument, including any
414 sling shot, black jack, sand bag, metal or brass knuckles,
415 stiletto, knife, the edged portion of the blade of which is four
416 inches and over in length or martial arts weapon as defined
417 above.

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419 B. Upon receipt of an expulsion recommendation, the Superintendent or
420 his/her designee may conduct an inquiry concerning the expulsion
421 recommendation.

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423 If the Superintendent or his/her designee determines that a student should
424 or must be expelled, he or she shall forward his/her recommendation to the
425 Board of Education so that the Board of Education can consider and act
426 upon this recommendation.

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428 **VII. Expulsion Hearing Procedure**

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430 A. Emergency Exception:

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432 Except in an emergency situation, the Board of Education shall, prior to
433 expelling the student, conduct a hearing to be governed by the procedures
434 outlined herein. Whenever an emergency exists, the hearing provided for
435 above shall be held as soon as possible after the expulsion.

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437 B. Hearing Panel:

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439 1. Expulsion hearings conducted by the Board will be heard by any
440 three or more Board members. A decision to expel a student must be
441 supported by a majority of the Board members present, provided that
442 no less than three affirmative votes to expel are cast.
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444 2. Alternatively, the Board may appoint an impartial hearing board
445 composed of one or more persons to hear and decide the expulsion
446 matter, provided that no member of the Board may serve on such
447 panel.

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449 C. Notice:

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451 1. Written notice of the expulsion hearing must be given to the student,
452 and, if the student is a minor, to his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) a
453 reasonable time prior to the time of the hearing.
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455 2. The written notice of the expulsion hearing shall inform the student
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458 a. The date, time, and location of the hearing.
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460 b. A short, plain description of the conduct alleged by the
461 Administration.
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- c. The student may present as evidence, testimony and documents concerning the conduct alleged and the appropriate length and conditions of expulsion, as well as notice that the expulsion hearing will be the student's sole opportunity to present such evidence.
- d. The student may cross-examine witnesses called by the Administration.
- e. The student may be represented by any third party of his/her choice, including an attorney, at his/her expense or at the expense of his/her parents.
- f. A student is entitled to the services of a translator or interpreter, to be provided by the Board of Education, whenever the student or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) do(es) not speak the English language or is handicapped.
- g. The conditions under which the Board is not legally required to give the student an alternative educational opportunity (if applicable).

D. Hearing Procedures:

1. The hearing will be conducted by the Presiding Officer, who will call the meeting to order, introduce the parties, Board members and Counsel, briefly explain the hearing procedures, and swear in any witnesses called by the Administration or the student.
2. The hearing will be conducted in executive session. A verbatim record of the hearing will be made, either by tape recording or by a stenographer.
3. Formal rules of evidence will not be followed. The Board has the right to accept hearsay and other evidence if it deems that evidence relevant or material to its determination. The presiding officer will rule on testimony or evidence as to it being immaterial or irrelevant.
4. The hearing will be conducted in two parts. In the first part of the hearing, the Board will receive and consider evidence regarding the conduct alleged by the Administration.
5. In the first part of the hearing, the charges will be introduced into the record by the Superintendent or his/her designee.
6. Each witness for the Administration will be called and sworn. After a witness has finished testifying, he/she will be subject to cross-examination by the opposite party or his/her legal Counsel and by Board members.
7. After the Administration has presented its case, the student will be asked if he/she has any witnesses or evidence to present. If so, the witnesses will be sworn, will testify, and will be subject to cross-examination and to questioning by the Board. The student may also choose to make a statement at this time. If the student chooses to make a statement, he or she will be sworn and subject to cross-examination and questioning by the Board. Concluding statements

- 520 will be made by the Administration and then by the student and/or
521 his or her representative.
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- 523 8. In cases where the respondent has denied the allegation, the Board
524 must determine whether the respondent committed the offense(s) as
525 charged by the Administration.
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- 527 9. If the Board determines that the student has committed the conduct
528 as alleged, then the Board shall proceed with the second portion of
529 the hearing, during which the Board will receive and consider
530 evidence regarding the length and conditions of expulsion.
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- 532 10. When considering the length and conditions of expulsion, the Board
533 may review the student's attendance, academic and past disciplinary
534 records. The Board may ask the Administration for a
535 recommendation as to the discipline to be imposed.
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- 537 11. Evidence of past disciplinary problems which have led to removal
538 from a classroom, suspension or expulsion of a student being
539 considered for expulsion may be considered only during the second
540 portion of the hearing, during which the Board is considering length
541 of expulsion and nature of alternative educational opportunity to be
542 offered.
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- 544 12. Where administrators presented the case in support of the charges
545 against the student, such administrative staff shall not be present
546 during the deliberations of the Board either on questions of evidence
547 or on the final discipline to be imposed. The Superintendent or
548 his/her designee may, after reviewing the incident with
549 administrators, and reviewing the student's records, make a
550 recommendation to the Board as to the appropriate discipline to be
551 applied.
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- 553 13. The Board shall make findings as to the truth of the charges, if the
554 student has denied them, and, in all cases, the disciplinary action, if
555 any, to be imposed. The Board shall report its final decision in
556 writing to the student, or if such student is a minor, also to the
557 parent(s) or guardian(s), stating the reasons on which the decision is
558 based, and the disciplinary action to be imposed. Said decision shall
559 be based solely on evidence presented at the hearing.
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561 **VIII. Board Policy Regarding Mandatory Expulsions**
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- 563 A. In keeping with Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-233d and the Gun Free Schools Act, it
564 shall be the policy of the Board to expel a student for one full calendar year
565 for: the conduct described in Section VI(B)(1), (2) and (3) of this policy. The
566 Board may modify the term of expulsion on a case-by-case basis.
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568 **IX. Alternative Educational Programs for Expelled Students**
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- 570 A. *Students under sixteen (16) years of age:*
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572 Whenever the Board of Education expels a student under sixteen years of
573 age, it shall offer any such student an alternative educational program.
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- 575 B. *Students sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) years of age:*
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577 The Board of Education will provide an alternative education to a sixteen to
578 eighteen year old student expelled for the first time if he/she requests it and
579 if he/she agrees to the conditions set by the Board of Education, except as
580 follows. The Board of Education is not required to offer an alternative
581 program to any student between the ages of sixteen and eighteen who is
582 expelled for the second time, or if it is determined at the hearing that (1) the
583 student possessed a dangerous instrument, deadly weapon, firearm or
584 martial arts weapon on school property or at a school-sponsored activity, or
585 (2) the student offered a controlled substance for sale or distribution on
586 school property or at a school-sponsored activity.

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588 C. *Students eighteen (18) years of age or older:*

589 The Board of Education is not required to offer an alternative educational
590 program to expelled students eighteen years of age or older.

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593 D. *Students identified as eligible for services under the Individuals with*
594 *Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"):*

595 If the Board of Education expels a student who has been identified as eligible
596 for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), it
597 shall offer an alternative educational program to such student in accordance
598 with the requirements of IDEA, as it may be amended from time to time.
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601 **X. Notice of Student Expulsion on Cumulative Record**

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603 A. Notice of expulsion and the conduct for which the student was expelled shall
604 be included on the student's cumulative educational record. Such notice,
605 except for notice of an expulsion based upon possession of a firearm or
606 deadly weapon, shall be expunged from the cumulative educational record
607 by the Board if the student graduates from high school.

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609 **XI. Change of Residence During Expulsion Proceedings**

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611 A. *Student moving into the school district:*

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613 1. If a student enrolls in the district while an expulsion hearing is
614 pending in another district, such student shall not be excluded from
615 school pending completion of the expulsion hearing unless an
616 emergency exists, as defined above. The Board shall retain the
617 authority to suspend the student or to conduct its own expulsion
618 hearing.
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620 2. Where a student enrolls in the district during the period of expulsion
621 from another school district, the Board may adopt the decision of the
622 student expulsion hearing conducted by such other school district.
623 The Board shall make its determination based upon a hearing held
624 by the Board which shall be limited to a determination of whether the
625 conduct which was the basis of the expulsion would also warrant
626 expulsion by the Board.

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628 B. *Student moving out of the school district:*

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630 Where a student withdraws from school after having been notified that an
631 expulsion hearing is pending, but before a decision has been rendered by the
632 Board, the notice of the pending expulsion hearing shall be included on the
633 student's cumulative record and the Board shall complete the expulsion
634 hearing and render a decision. If the Board subsequently renders a decision

635 to expel the student, a notice of the expulsion shall be included on the
636 student's cumulative record.

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638 **XII. Procedures Governing Suspension and Expulsion of Students Identified as**
639 **Eligible for Services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**
640 **("IDEA")**

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642 A. *Suspension of IDEA students:*

643 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Administration suspends a student
644 identified as eligible for services under the IDEA (an "IDEA student") who has
645 engaged in conduct that violated any rule or code of conduct of the school
646 district that applies to all students, the following procedures shall apply:

- 647 1. The Administration shall make reasonable attempts to
648 immediately notify the parents of the student of the decision
649 to suspend on the date on which the decision to suspend was
650 made, and a copy of the special education procedural
651 safeguards must either be hand-delivered or sent by mail to
652 the parents on the date that the decision to suspend was
653 made.
- 654 2. During the period of suspension, the school district is not
655 required to provide any educational services to the IDEA
656 student beyond that which is provided to all students
657 suspended by the school district.

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659 B. *Expulsion and Suspensions that Constitute Changes in Placement for IDEA*
660 *students:*

661 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, if the Administration
662 recommends for expulsion an IDEA student who has engaged in conduct
663 that violated any rule or code of conduct of the school district that applies to
664 all students, the procedures described in this section shall apply. The
665 procedures described in this section shall also apply for students whom the
666 Administration has suspended in a manner that is considered under the
667 IDEA, as it may be amended from time to time, to be a change in placement:

- 668 1. The parents of the student must be notified of the decision to
669 suspend on the date on which the decision to suspend was
670 made, and a copy of the special education procedural
671 safeguards must either be hand-delivered or sent by mail to
672 the parents on the date that the decision to suspend was
673 made.
- 674 2. The school district shall immediately convene the IEP team,
675 but in no case later than ten (10) school days after the
676 recommendation for expulsion or the suspension which
677 constitutes a change in placement was made. The student's
678 IEP team shall consider the relationship between the
679 student's disability and the behavior that led to the
680 recommendation for expulsion or the suspension which
681 constitutes a change in placement, in order to determine
682 whether the student's behavior was a manifestation of his/her
683 disability.
- 684 3. If the IEP team finds that the behavior was a manifestation of
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with the recommendation for expulsion. The IEP team shall consider the student's misconduct and revise the IEP to prevent a recurrence of the misconduct and to provide for the safety of other students and staff.

4. If the IEP team finds that the behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability, the Administration may proceed with the recommended expulsion or suspension that constitutes a change in placement.
5. During any period of expulsion, or suspension of greater than ten (10) days per school year, the Administration shall provide the student with an alternative education program in accordance with the provisions of the IDEA.
6. The special education records and disciplinary records of the student must be transmitted to the individual(s) who will make the final determination regarding a recommendation for expulsion or a suspension that results in a change in placement.

C. *Transfer of IDEA students for Certain Offenses:*

School personnel may transfer an IDEA student to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for not more than forty-five (45) calendar days if the student:

1. Was in possession of a dangerous weapon, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 930(g)(2), as amended from time to time, on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity, or
2. Knowingly possessed or used illegal drugs or sold or solicited the sale of a controlled substance while at school or at a school-sponsored activity; or

As used in this subsection XIIC., the term "dangerous weapon" means a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2.5 inches in length.

XIII. Procedures Governing Suspension and Expulsion of Students Identified as Eligible for Educational Accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

A. *Expulsion of students identified as eligible for educational accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, if the Administration recommends for expulsion a student identified as eligible for educational accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (a "Section 504 Student") who has engaged in conduct that violated any rule or code of conduct of the school district that applies to all students, the following procedures shall apply:

1. The parents of the student must be notified of the decision to recommend the student for expulsion.

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2. The district shall immediately convene the student's Section 504 team (504 team), for the purpose of reviewing the relationship between the student's disability and the behavior that led to the recommendation for expulsion, in order to determine whether the student's behavior was a manifestation of his/her disability.
 3. If the 504 team finds that the behavior was a manifestation of the student's disability, the Administration shall not proceed with the recommendation for expulsion. The 504 team shall consider the student's misconduct and revise the 504 plan to prevent a recurrence of the misconduct and to provide for the safety of other students and staff.
 4. If the 504 team finds that the behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability, the Administration may proceed with the recommendation for expulsion.

769 **XIV. Notification to Parents or Guardian**

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- A. The parents or guardian of any minor student either expelled or suspended or removed from class shall be given notice of such disciplinary action within twenty-four (24) hours of the time of the institution of the period of expulsion, suspension or removal from class.
 - B. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall forward to the student concerned and his/her parents, or the student if he/she has attained the age of 18, a copy of this Board policy on student discipline at the time the Superintendent or his/her designee sends out the notice that an expulsion hearing will be convened.

782 **XV. An expelled student may apply for early readmission to school. The Board delegates the authority to make decisions on readmissions to the Administration. Students desiring readmission to school shall direct such admission requests to the Administration. The Administration has the discretion to approve or deny such readmission requests, and may condition readmission on specified criteria.**

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789 **XVI. Dissemination of Policy**

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The Board of Education shall, at the beginning of each school year and at such other times as it may deem appropriate, provide for an effective means of informing all students, parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of this policy.

796 **XVII. Compliance with Reporting Requirements**

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1. The Board of Education shall report all suspensions and expulsions to the State Department of Education.
 2. If the Board of Education expels a student for sale or distribution of a controlled substance, the Board shall refer such student to an appropriate state or local agency for rehabilitation, intervention or job training and inform the agency of its action.
 3. If the Board of Education expels a student for possession of a deadly weapon or firearm, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-3, the violation shall be reported to the local police.

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with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (P.L. 105-17). Section 504 of the
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794(a).

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**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

DRESS CODE

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1. The Enfield Board of Education declares that appropriate dress is essential in order to create and maintain the best educational environment for the students in the Enfield Public Schools. This environment must allow students to learn and teachers to teach without distraction or disruption to the learning environment as well as be indicative of the dignity, pride and respect which our students have for our school, our community and for themselves.
 - A. Restrictions on freedom of student dress shall be applied whenever the mode of dress in question:
 - 1) Is not clean, modest, and appropriate to the school situation;
 - 2) Disrupts the educational process;
 - 3) Constitutes a safety or health hazard for the student or those around the student;
 - 4) Damages school property;
 - 5) Is contrary to law.
2. Restrictions on freedom of dress and adornment may not:
 - A. Reflect discrimination as to civil rights;
 - B. Enforce particular codes of morality or religious tenets.
3. The Superintendent of Schools shall develop administrative regulations with respect to student dress through cooperative planning with staff, students and parents. Such regulations would be subject to approval by the Board of Education.

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ENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT

SEXUAL ABUSE & ASSAULT AWARENESS/PREVENTION PROGRAM

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Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 17a-101 et seq. requires school employees who have reasonable cause to suspect or believe (1) that any child under eighteen has been abused or neglected, has had a nonaccidental physical injury, or injury which is at variance with the history given of such injury, or has been placed at imminent risk of serious harm, or (2) that any person who is being educated by the technical high school system or a local or regional board of education, other than as part of an adult education program, is a victim of sexual assault, and the perpetrator is a school employee, to report such suspicions to the appropriate authority. In furtherance of this statute and its purpose, it is the policy of the Board of Education to require ALL EMPLOYEES of the Board of Education to report suspected abuse and/or neglect, nonaccidental physical injury, imminent risk of serious harm or sexual assault of a student by a school employee, in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

1. Scope of Policy

This policy applies not only to school employees who are required by law to report suspected child abuse and/or neglect, nonaccidental physical injury, imminent risk of serious harm or sexual assault of a student by a school employee, but to ALL EMPLOYEES of the Board of Education.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

"Abused" means that a child (a) has had physical injury or injuries inflicted upon him or her other than by accidental means, or (b) has injuries which are at variance with the history given of them, or (c) is in a condition which is the result of maltreatment, such as, but not limited to, malnutrition, sexual molestation or exploitation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment.

"Neglected" means that a child (a) has been abandoned, or (b) is being denied proper care and attention, physically, educationally, emotionally or morally, or (c) is being permitted to live under conditions, circumstances or associations injurious to his well-being, or (d) has been abused.

"School employee" means (A) a teacher, substitute teacher, school administrator, school superintendent, guidance counselor, psychologist, social worker, nurse, physician, school paraprofessional or coach employed by the Board or who is working in a Board elementary, middle or high school; or (B) any other person who, in the performance of his or her duties, has regular contact with students and who provides services to or on behalf of students enrolled in the Enfield Public Schools, pursuant to a contract with the Board.

"Sexual assault" means, for the purposes of the mandatory reporting laws and this policy, a violation of Sections 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a of the Connecticut General Statutes. Please see Appendix A of this policy for

53 the relevant statutory definitions of sexual assault laws and related terms covered
54 by the mandatory reporting laws and this policy.

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56 "Statutory mandated reporter" means an individual required by Conn. Gen. Stat.
57 Section 17a-101 et seq. to report suspected abuse and/or neglect of children or the
58 sexual assault of a student by a school employee. The term "statutory mandated
59 reporter" includes all school employees, as defined above, and any person who
60 holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education, is a coach of
61 intramural or interscholastic athletics and is eighteen years of age or older.

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63 3. What Must Be Reported

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65 a) A report must be made when any employee of the Board of Education in the
66 ordinary course of such person's employment or profession has reasonable
67 cause to suspect or believe that any child under the age of eighteen years:

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69 i) has been abused or neglected;

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71 ii) has had nonaccidental physical injury, or injury which is at variance with
72 the history given for such injury, inflicted upon him/her;

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74 iii) is placed at imminent risk of serious harm; or

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76 b) A report must be made when any employee of the Board of Education in the
77 ordinary course of such person's employment or profession has reasonable
78 cause to suspect or believe that any person, regardless of age, who is being
79 educated by the technical high school system or a local or regional board of
80 education, other than as part of an adult education program, is a victim of the
81 following sexual assault crimes, and the perpetrator is a school employee:

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83 i) sexual assault in first degree;

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85 ii) aggravated sexual assault in the first degree;

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87 iii) sexual assault in the second degree;

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89 iv) sexual assault in the third degree;

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91 v) sexual assault in the third degree with a firearm; or

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93 vi) sexual assault in the fourth degree.

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95 Please see Appendix A of this policy for the relevant statutory definitions of sexual
96 assault laws and related terms covered by the mandatory reporting laws and this
97 policy.

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99 c) The suspicion or belief of a Board employee may be based on factors including,
100 but not limited to, observations, allegations, facts or statements by a child or
101 victim, as described above, or a third party. Such suspicion or belief does not
102 require certainty or probable cause.

104 4. Reporting Procedures for Statutory Mandated Reporters

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106 The following procedures apply only to statutory mandated reporters, as defined
107 above.

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109 When an employee of the Board of Education who is a statutory mandated reporter
110 and who, in the ordinary course of the person's employment, has reasonable cause
111 to suspect or believe that a child has been abused or neglected or placed at
112 imminent risk of serious harm, or is a victim of sexual assault by a school
113 employee, as described in Paragraph 3, above, the following steps shall be taken.

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115 (1) The employee shall make an oral report as soon as practicable, but not later
116 than twelve hours after having reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a
117 child has been abused or neglected or placed at imminent risk of serious
118 harm, or is a victim of sexual assault by a school employee. Such oral
119 report shall be made by telephone or in person to the Commissioner of
120 Children and Families or the local law enforcement agency. The Department
121 of Children and Families has established a 24 hour Child Abuse and Neglect
122 Hotline at 1-800-842-2288 for the purpose of making such oral reports.
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124 (2) The employee shall also make an oral report as soon as practicable to the
125 Building Principal or his/her designee, and/or the Superintendent or
126 his/her designee. If the Building Principal is the alleged perpetrator of the
127 abuse/neglect or sexual assault of a student, then the employee shall notify
128 the Superintendent or his/her designee directly.
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130 (3) In cases involving suspected or believed abuse, neglect or sexual assault of a
131 student by a school employee, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall
132 immediately notify the child's parent or guardian that such a report has
133 been made.
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135 (4) Not later than forty-eight hours after making an oral report, the employee
136 shall submit a written report to the Commissioner of Children and Families
137 or the Commissioner's designee containing all of the required information.
138 The written report should be submitted on the DCF-136 form or any other
139 form designated for that purpose.
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141 (5) The employee shall immediately submit a copy of the written report to the
142 Building Principal or his/her designee and to the Superintendent or the
143 Superintendent's designee.
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145 (6) If the report concerns suspected abuse, neglect or sexual assault of a
146 student by a school employee holding a certificate, authorization or permit
147 issued by the State Department of Education, the Commissioner of Children
148 and Families (or his/her designee) shall submit a copy of the written report
149 to the Commissioner of Education (or his/her designee).

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151 5. Reporting Procedures for Employees Other Than Statutory Mandated Reporters

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153 The following procedures apply only to employees who are not statutory mandated
154 reporters, as defined above.

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156 a) When an employee who is not a statutory mandated reporter and who, in the
157 ordinary course of the person's employment or profession, has reasonable
158 cause to suspect or believe that a child has been abused or neglected or placed
159 at imminent risk of serious harm, or is a victim of sexual assault by a school
160 employee, as described in Paragraph 3, above, the following steps shall be
161 taken.

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163 (1) The employee shall make an oral report as soon as practicable, but not later
164 than twelve hours after the employee has reasonable cause to suspect or
165 believe that a child has been abused or neglected, placed at imminent risk of
166 serious harm or is a victim of sexual assault by a school employee. Such
167 oral report shall be made by telephone or in person to the Superintendent of
168 Schools or his/her designee, to be followed by an immediate written report
169 to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

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171 (2) If the Superintendent or his/her designee determines that there is
172 reasonable cause to suspect or believe that a child has been abused or
173 neglected or placed at imminent risk of serious harm or is a victim of sexual
174 assault by school employee, he/she shall cause reports to be made in
175 accordance with the procedures set forth for statutory mandated reporters.

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177 b) Nothing in this policy shall be construed to preclude an employee
178 reporting suspected child abuse, neglect or sexual assault by a school
179 employee from reporting the same directly to the Commissioner of
180 Children and Families.

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182 6. Contents of Reports

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184 Any oral or written report made pursuant to this policy shall contain the following
185 information, if known:

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187 a) The names and addresses of the child* and his/her parents or other person
188 responsible for his/her care;
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190 b) the age of the child;
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192 c) the gender of the child;
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194 d) the nature and extent of the child's injury or injuries, maltreatment or neglect;
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196 e) the approximate date and time the injury or injuries, maltreatment or neglect
197 occurred;
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199 f) information concerning any previous injury or injuries to, or maltreatment or
200 neglect of the child or his/her siblings;
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202 g) the circumstances in which the injury or injuries, maltreatment or neglect came
203 to be known to the reporter;
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- 205 h) the name of the person or persons suspected to be responsible for causing such
 206 injury or injuries, maltreatment or neglect;
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 208 i) the reasons such person or persons are suspected of causing such injury or
 209 injuries, maltreatment or neglect;
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 211 j) any information concerning any prior cases in which such person or persons
 212 have been suspected of causing an injury, maltreatment or neglect of a child;
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 215 k) whatever action, if any, was taken to treat, provide shelter or otherwise assist
 216 the child.

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 218 *For purposes of this Paragraph, the term "child" includes any victim of sexual
 219 assault by a school employee, as described in Paragraph 3, above.
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221 7. Investigation of the Report
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- 223 a) The Superintendent or his/her designee shall thoroughly investigate reports of
 224 suspected abuse, neglect or sexual assault if/when such report involves an
 225 employee of the Board of Education or other individual under the control of the
 226 Board, provided such investigation does not impede an investigation by the
 227 Department of Children and Families ("DCF"). In all other cases, DCF shall be
 228 responsible for conducting the investigation with the cooperation and
 229 collaboration of the Board, as appropriate.
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 231 b) Recognizing that DCF is the lead agency for the investigation of child abuse and
 232 neglect reports and reports of a student's sexual assault by school employees,
 233 the Superintendent's investigation shall permit and give priority to any
 234 investigation conducted by the Commissioner of Children and Families or the
 235 appropriate local law enforcement agency. The Superintendent shall conduct
 236 the district's investigation and take any disciplinary action, consistent with
 237 state law, upon notice from the Commissioner of Children and Families or the
 238 appropriate local law enforcement agency that the district's investigation will
 239 not interfere with the investigation of the Commissioner of Children and
 240 Families or the local law enforcement agency.
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 242 c) The Superintendent shall coordinate investigatory activities in order to
 243 minimize the number of interviews of any child or student victim of sexual
 244 assault and share information with other persons authorized to conduct an
 245 investigation of child abuse or neglect, as appropriate.
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 247 d) Any person reporting child abuse or neglect or the sexual assault of a student
 248 by a school employee, or having any information relevant to alleged abuse or
 249 neglect or of the sexual assault of a student by a school employee, shall provide
 250 the Superintendent with all information related to the investigation that is in
 251 the possession or control of such person, except as expressly prohibited by
 252 state or federal law.
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 254 e) When the school district is conducting an investigation involving suspected
 255 abuse or neglect or sexual assault of a student by an employee of the Board or

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other individual under the control of the Board, the Superintendent's investigation shall include an opportunity for the individual suspected of abuse, neglect or sexual assault to be heard with respect to the allegations contained within the report. During the course of such investigation, the Superintendent may suspend a Board employee with pay or may place the employee on administrative leave with pay, pending the outcome of the investigation. If the individual is one who provides services to or on behalf of students enrolled in the Enfield Public Schools, pursuant to a contract with the Board of Education, the Superintendent may suspend the provision of such services, and direct the individual to refrain from any contact with students enrolled in the Enfield Public Schools, pending the outcome of the investigation.

8. Evidence of Abuse, Neglect or Sexual Assault by a School Employee

- a) If, upon completion of the investigation by the Commissioner of Children and Families ("Commissioner"), the Superintendent has received a report from the Commissioner that he or she has reasonable cause to believe that (1) a child has been abused or neglected by a school employee, as defined above, and the Commissioner has recommended that such employee be placed on the Department of Children and Families child abuse and neglect registry, or (2) a student is a victim of sexual assault by a school employee, the Superintendent shall request (and the law provides) that DCF notify the Superintendent not later than five (5) working days after such finding, and provide the Superintendent with records, whether or not created by DCF, concerning such investigation. The Superintendent shall suspend such school employee. Such suspension shall be with pay and shall not result in the diminution or termination of benefits to such employee.
- b) Not later than seventy-two (72) hours after such suspension, the Superintendent shall notify the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education, or the Commissioner of Education's representative, of the reasons for and the conditions of the suspension. The Superintendent shall disclose such records to the Commissioner of Education and the Board of Education or its attorney for purposes of review of employment status or the status of such employee's certificate, permit or authorization, if any.
- c) The suspension of a school employee employed in a position requiring a certificate shall remain in effect until the Superintendent and/or Board of Education acts pursuant to the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-151. If the contract of employment of such certified school employee is terminated, or such certified school employee resigns such employment, the Superintendent shall notify the Commissioner of Education, or the Commissioner of Education's representative, within seventy-two (72) hours after such termination or resignation.
- d) The suspension of a school employee employed in a position requiring an authorization or permit shall remain in effect until the Superintendent and/or Board of Education acts pursuant to any applicable termination provisions. If the contract of employment of a school employee holding an authorization or permit from the State Department of Education is terminated, or such school employee resigns such employment, the Superintendent shall notify the

307 Commissioner of Education, or the Commissioner of Education's representative,
308 within seventy-two hours after such termination or resignation.

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310 e) Regardless of the outcome of any investigation by the Commissioner of Children
311 and Families and/or the police, the Superintendent and/or the Board, as
312 appropriate, may take disciplinary action, up to and including termination of
313 employment, in accordance with the provisions of any applicable statute, if the
314 Superintendent's investigation produces evidence that a child has been abused
315 or neglected by a school employee or that a student has been a victim of sexual
316 assault by a school employee.

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318 f) The Enfield Public Schools shall not employ a person whose employment
319 contract is terminated or who resigned from employment following a suspension
320 pursuant to Paragraph 8(a) of this policy and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-101i, if
321 such person is convicted of a crime involving an act of child abuse or neglect or
322 an act of sexual assault of a student, as described in Paragraph 3 of this policy.
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324 9. Evidence of Abuse, Neglect or Sexual Assault by An Independent Contractor of the
325 Board of Education

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327 If the investigation by the Superintendent and/or the Commissioner of Children
328 and Families produces evidence that a child has been abused or neglected, or a
329 student has been sexually assaulted, by any individual who provides services to or
330 on behalf of students enrolled in the Enfield Public Schools, pursuant to a contract
331 with the Board of Education, the Superintendent shall permanently suspend the
332 provision of such services, and direct the individual to refrain from any contact
333 with students enrolled in the Enfield Public Schools.
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335 10. Delegation of Authority by Superintendent

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337 The Superintendent may appoint a designee for the purposes of receiving and
338 making reports, notifying and receiving notification, or investigating reports
339 pursuant to this policy.
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341 11. Confidential Rapid Response Team

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343 No later than January 1, 2016, the Superintendent shall establish a confidential
344 rapid response team to coordinate with DCF to (1) ensure prompt reporting of
345 suspected abuse or neglect or sexual assault of a student by a school employee, as
346 described in Paragraph 3, above, and (2) provide immediate access to information
347 and individuals relevant to the department's investigation. The confidential rapid
348 response team shall consist of a teacher and the Superintendent, a local police
349 officer and any other person the Board of Education, acting through its
350 Superintendent, deems appropriate.
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352 12. Disciplinary Action for Failure to Follow Policy

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354 Except as provided in Section 12 below, any employee who fails to comply with the
355 requirements of this policy shall be subject to discipline, up to and including
356 termination of employment.
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358 13. The Enfield Public Schools shall not hire any person whose employment contract
359 was previously terminated by a board of education or who resigned from such
360 employment, if such person has been convicted of a violation of Section 17a-101a
361 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, relating to mandatory reporting,
362 regardless of whether an allegation of abuse or neglect or sexual assault was
363 substantiated.

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365 14. Non-Discrimination Policy/Prohibition Against Retaliation

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367 The Board of Education expressly prohibits retaliation against individuals reporting
368 child abuse or neglect or the sexual assault of a student by a school employee and
369 shall not discharge or in any manner discriminate or retaliate against any
370 employee who, in good faith makes, or in good faith does not make, a report
371 pursuant to this policy, or testifies or is about to testify in any proceeding involving
372 abuse or neglect or sexual assault by a school employee. The Board of Education
373 also prohibits any employee from hindering or preventing or attempting to hinder
374 or prevent any employee from making a report pursuant to this policy or state law
375 concerning suspected child abuse or neglect or the sexual assault of a student by a
376 school employee or testifying in any proceeding involving child abuse or neglect or
377 the sexual assault of a student by a school employee.

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379 15. Distribution of Policy

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381 This policy shall be distributed annually to all school employees employed by the
382 Board. The Board shall document that all such school employees have received this
383 written policy and completed the training and refresher training programs required
384 by in Section 14, below.

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386 16. Training

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388 a) All new school employees, as defined above, shall be required to complete an
389 educational training program for the accurate and prompt identification and
390 reporting of child abuse and neglect. Such training program shall be developed
391 and approved by the Commissioner of Children and Families.

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393 b) All school employees, as defined above, shall retake a refresher training course
394 developed and approved by the Commissioner of Children and Families at least
395 once every three years.

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397 c) The principal for each school shall annually certify to the Superintendent that
398 each school employee, as defined above, working at such school, is in
399 compliance with the training provisions in this policy and as required by state
400 law. The Superintendent shall certify such compliance to the State Board of
401 Education.

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403 17. Records

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405 a) The Board shall maintain in a central location all records of allegations,
406 investigations and reports that a child has been abused or neglected by a
407 school employee employed by the Board or that a student has been a victim of
408 sexual assault by a school employee employed by the Board, as defined above,

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and conducted in accordance with this policy. Such records shall include any reports made to the Department of Children and Families. The State Department of Education shall have access to such records upon request.

- b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-151c, the Board shall provide the Commissioner of Children and Families, upon request and for the purposes of an investigation by the Commissioner of Children and Families of suspected child abuse or neglect by a teacher employed by the Board, any records maintained or kept on file by the Board. Such records shall include, but not be limited to, supervisory records, reports of competence, personal character and efficiency maintained in such teacher's personnel file with reference to evaluation of performance as a professional employee of the Board, and records of the personal misconduct of such teacher. For purposes of this section, "teacher" includes each certified professional employee below the rank of superintendent employed by the Board in a position requiring a certificate issued by the State Board of Education.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes:

- Section 10-151**
- Section 17a-101 et seq.**
- Section 17a-103**
- Section 53a-65**
- Public Act 15-205, "An Act Protecting School Children"**

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- Policy Reviewed: May 13, 2014**
- Policy Revised: May 12, 2015**
- Policy Revised:**

460 **Appendix A**

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462 **RELEVANT EXCERPTS OF STATUTORY DEFINITIONS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND**
463 **RELATED TERMS COVERED BY MANDATORY REPORTING LAWS AND THIS**
464 **POLICY**

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466 An employee of the Board of Education must make a report in accordance with this policy
467 when the employee of the Board of Education in the ordinary course of such person's
468 employment or profession has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any person,
469 regardless of age, who is being educated by the technical high school system or a local or
470 regional board of education, other than as part of an adult education program, is a victim
471 of the following sexual assault crimes, and the perpetrator is a school employee. The
472 following are relevant excerpts of the sexual assault laws and related terms covered by
473 mandatory reporting laws and this policy.

474
475 **"Intimate Parts" (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-65)**

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477 "Intimate parts" means the genital area or any substance emitted therefrom, groin, anus
478 or any substance emitted therefrom, inner thighs, buttocks or breasts.

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480 **"Sexual Intercourse" (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-65)**

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482 "Sexual intercourse" means vaginal intercourse, anal intercourse, fellatio or cunnilingus
483 between persons regardless of sex. Its meaning is limited to persons not married to each
484 other. Penetration, however slight, is sufficient to complete vaginal intercourse, anal
485 intercourse or fellatio and does not require emission of semen. Penetration may be
486 committed by an object manipulated by the actor into the genital or anal opening of the
487 victim's body.

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489 **"Sexual Contact" (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-65)**

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491 "Sexual contact" means any contact with the intimate parts of a person not married to the
492 actor for the purpose of sexual gratification of the actor or for the purpose of degrading or
493 humiliating such person or any contact of the intimate parts of the actor with a person
494 not married to the actor for the purpose of sexual gratification of the actor or for the
495 purpose of degrading or humiliating such person.

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497 **Sexual Assault in First Degree (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-70)**

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499 A person is guilty of sexual assault in the first degree when such person (1) compels
500 another person to engage in sexual intercourse by the use of force against such other
501 person or a third person, or by the threat of use of force against such other person or
502 against a third person which reasonably causes such person to fear physical injury to
503 such person or a third person, or (2) engages in sexual intercourse with another person
504 and such other person is under thirteen years of age and the actor is more than two years
505 older than such person, or (3) commits sexual assault in the second degree as provided in
506 section 53a-71 and in the commission of such offense is aided by two or more other
507 persons actually present, or (4) engages in sexual intercourse with another person and
508 such other person is mentally incapacitated to the extent that such other person is
509 unable to consent to such sexual intercourse.

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511 **Aggravated Sexual Assault in the First Degree (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-70a)**

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513 A person is guilty of aggravated sexual assault in the first degree when such person
514 commits sexual assault in the first degree as provided in section 53a-70 and in the
515 commission of such offense (1) such person uses or is armed with and threatens the use
516 of or displays or represents by such person's words or conduct that such person
517 possesses a deadly weapon, (2) with intent to disfigure the victim seriously and
518 permanently, or to destroy, amputate or disable permanently a member or organ of the
519 victim's body, such person causes such injury to such victim, (3) under circumstances
520 evincing an extreme indifference to human life such person recklessly engages in conduct
521 which creates a risk of death to the victim, and thereby causes serious physical injury to
522 such victim, or (4) such person is aided by two or more other persons actually present. No
523 person shall be convicted of sexual assault in the first degree and aggravated sexual
524 assault in the first degree upon the same transaction but such person may be charged
525 and prosecuted for both such offenses upon the same information.
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527 **Sexual Assault in the Second Degree (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-71)**

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529 A person is guilty of sexual assault in the second degree when such person engages in
530 sexual intercourse with another person and: (1) Such other person is thirteen years of age
531 or older but under sixteen years of age and the actor is more than three years older than
532 such other person; or (2) such other person is impaired because of mental disability or
533 disease to the extent that such other person is unable to consent to such sexual
534 intercourse; or (3) such other person is physically helpless; or (4) such other person is
535 less than eighteen years old and the actor is such person's guardian or otherwise
536 responsible for the general supervision of such person's welfare; or (5) such other person
537 is in custody of law or detained in a hospital or other institution and the actor has
538 supervisory or disciplinary authority over such other person; or (6) the actor is a
539 psychotherapist and such other person is (A) a patient of the actor and the sexual
540 intercourse occurs during the psychotherapy session, (B) a patient or former patient of
541 the actor and such patient or former patient is emotionally dependent upon the actor, or
542 (C) a patient or former patient of the actor and the sexual intercourse occurs by means of
543 therapeutic deception; or (7) the actor accomplishes the sexual intercourse by means of
544 false representation that the sexual intercourse is for a bona fide medical purpose by a
545 health care professional; or (8) the actor is a school employee and such other person is a
546 student enrolled in a school in which the actor works or a school under the jurisdiction of
547 the local or regional board of education which employs the actor; or (9) the actor is a
548 coach in an athletic activity or a person who provides intensive, ongoing instruction and
549 such other person is a recipient of coaching or instruction from the actor and (A) is a
550 secondary school student and receives such coaching or instruction in a secondary school
551 setting, or (B) is under eighteen years of age; or (10) the actor is twenty years of age or
552 older and stands in a position of power, authority or supervision over such other person
553 by virtue of the actor's professional, legal, occupational or volunteer status and such
554 other person's participation in a program or activity, and such other person is under
555 eighteen years of age; or (11) such other person is placed or receiving services under the
556 direction of the Commissioner of Developmental Services in any public or private facility
557 or program and the actor has supervisory or disciplinary authority over such other
558 person.
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560 **Sexual Assault in the Third Degree (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-72a)**

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562 A person is guilty of sexual assault in the third degree when such person (1) compels
563 another person to submit to sexual contact (A) by the use of force against such other
564 person or a third person, or (B) by the threat of use of force against such other person or
565 against a third person, which reasonably causes such other person to fear physical injury
566 to himself or herself or a third person, or (2) engages in sexual intercourse with another
567 person whom the actor knows to be related to him or her within any of the degrees of
568 kindred specified in section 46b-21.

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570 **Sexual Assault in the Third Degree with a Firearm (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-72b)**

571 A person is guilty of sexual assault in the third degree with a firearm when such person
572 commits sexual assault in the third degree as provided in section 53a-72a, and in the
573 commission of such offense, such person uses or is armed with and threatens the use of
574 or displays or represents by such person's words or conduct that such person possesses a
575 pistol, revolver, machine gun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm. No person shall be convicted
576 of sexual assault in the third degree and sexual assault in the third degree with a firearm
577 upon the same transaction but such person may be charged and prosecuted for both
578 such offenses upon the same information.

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580 **Sexual Assault in the Fourth Degree (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-73a)**

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582 A person is guilty of sexual assault in the fourth degree when: (1) Such person subjects
583 another person to sexual contact who is (A) under thirteen years of age and the actor is
584 more than two years older than such other person, or (B) thirteen years of age or older
585 but under fifteen years of age and the actor is more than three years older than such
586 other person, or (C) mentally incapacitated or impaired because of mental disability or
587 disease to the extent that such other person is unable to consent to such sexual contact,
588 or (D) physically helpless, or (E) less than eighteen years old and the actor is such other
589 person's guardian or otherwise responsible for the general supervision of such other
590 person's welfare, or (F) in custody of law or detained in a hospital or other institution and
591 the actor has supervisory or disciplinary authority over such other person; or (2) such
592 person subjects another person to sexual contact without such other person's consent; or
593 (3) such person engages in sexual contact with an animal or dead body; or (4) such
594 person is a psychotherapist and subjects another person to sexual contact who is (A) a
595 patient of the actor and the sexual contact occurs during the psychotherapy session, or
596 (B) a patient or former patient of the actor and such patient or former patient is
597 emotionally dependent upon the actor, or (C) a patient or former patient of the actor and
598 the sexual contact occurs by means of therapeutic deception; or (5) such person subjects
599 another person to sexual contact and accomplishes the sexual contact by means of false
600 representation that the sexual contact is for a bona fide medical purpose by a health care
601 professional; or (6) such person is a school employee and subjects another person to
602 sexual contact who is a student enrolled in a school in which the actor works or a school
603 under the jurisdiction of the local or regional board of education which employs the actor;
604 or (7) such person is a coach in an athletic activity or a person who provides intensive,
605 ongoing instruction and subjects another person to sexual contact who is a recipient of
606 coaching or instruction from the actor and (A) is a secondary school student and receives
607 such coaching or instruction in a secondary school setting, or (B) is under eighteen years
608 of age; or (8) such person subjects another person to sexual contact and (A) the actor is
609 twenty years of age or older and stands in a position of power, authority or supervision
610 over such other person by virtue of the actor's professional, legal, occupational or
611 volunteer status and such other person's participation in a program or activity, and (B)
612 such other person is under eighteen years of age; or (9) such person subjects another

613 person to sexual contact who is placed or receiving services under the direction of the
614 Commissioner of Developmental Services in any public or private facility or program and
615 the actor has supervisory or disciplinary authority over such other person.

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617 ***Appendices B and C are optional to include with the policy, however they may be***
618 ***useful as part of training for staff members in identifying the signs of abuse***
619 ***and/or neglect of children.***

620 621 APPENDIX B

622 Operational Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect

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626 The purpose of this policy is to provide consistency for staff in defining and identifying
627 operational definitions, evidence of abuse and/or neglect and examples of adverse impact
628 indicators.

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630 The following operational definitions are working definitions and examples of child abuse
631 and neglect as used by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.
632 For the purposes of these operational definitions,

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- 634 • a person responsible for a child's health, welfare or care means:
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636 the child's parent, guardian, foster parent, an employee of a public or private
637 residential home, agency or institution or other person legally responsible
638 under State law for the child's welfare in a residential setting; or any staff
639 person providing out-of-home care, including center-based child day care,
640 family day care, or group day care.
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 - 642 • a person given access to a child is a person who is permitted to have personal
643 interaction with a child by the person responsible for the child's health,
644 welfare or care or by a person entrusted with the care of a child for the purpose
645 of education, child care, counseling, spiritual guidance, coaching, training,
646 instruction, tutoring or mentoring.
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 - 648 • **Note:** Only a "child" as defined above may be classified as a victim of child
649 abuse and/or neglect; only a "person responsible", "person given access", or
650 "person entrusted" as defined above may be classified as a perpetrator of child
651 abuse and/or neglect.
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 - 653 ○ While only a child under eighteen may be a victim of child abuse or neglect,
654 a report under mandatory reporting laws and this policy is required if an
655 employee of the Board of Education in the ordinary course of such person's
656 employment or profession has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that
657 any person, regardless of age, who is being educated by the technical high
658 school system or a local or regional board of education, other than as part of
659 an adult education program, is a victim of sexual assault, as set forth in this
660 policy, and the perpetrator is a school employee.
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663 **Physical Abuse**

664 **A child may be found to have been physically abused who:**

665 has been inflicted with physical injury or injuries other than by accidental means,
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667 is in a condition which is the result of maltreatment such as, but not limited to,
668 malnutrition, sexual molestation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment
669 or cruel punishment, and/or
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671 has injuries at variance with the history given of them.
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674 **Evidence of physical abuse includes:**

675 bruises, scratches, lacerations;
676 burns, and/or scalds;
677 reddening or blistering of the tissue through application of heat by fire, chemical
678 substances, cigarettes, matches, electricity, scalding water, friction, etc.
679 injuries to bone, muscle, cartilage, ligaments:
680 - fractures, dislocations, sprains, strains, displacements, hematomas, etc.
681 head injuries;
682 internal injuries;
683 death;
684 misuse of medical treatments or therapies;
685 malnutrition related to acts of commission or omission by an established caregiver
686 resulting in a child's malnourished state that can be supported by professional
687 medical opinion;
688 deprivation of necessities acts of commission or omission by an established caregiver
689 resulting in physical harm to child;
690 cruel punishment.
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695 **Sexual Abuse/Exploitation Sexual Abuse/Exploitation**

696 Sexual Abuse/Exploitation is any incident involving a child's non-accidental exposure to
697 sexual behavior.
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699 Evidence of sexual abuse includes, but is not limited to the following:
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701 Rape;
702 penetration: digital, penile, or foreign objects;
703 oral/genital contact;
704 indecent exposure for the purpose of sexual gratification of the offender, or for
705 purposes of shaming, humiliating, shocking or exerting control over the victim;
706 incest;
707 fondling, including kissing, for the purpose of sexual gratification of the offender, or
708 for purposes of shaming, humiliating, shocking or exerting control over the victim
709 sexual exploitation, including possession, manufacture, or distribution of child
710 pornography. online enticement of a child for sexual acts, child prostitution, child-sex
711 tourism, unsolicited obscene material sent to a child, or misleading domain name
712 likely to attract a child to an inappropriate website;
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714 coercing or forcing a child to participate in, or be negligently exposed to, pornography
715 and/or sexual behavior;
716 disease or condition that arises from sexual transmission;
717 other verbal, written or physical behavior not overtly sexual but likely designed to
718 "groom" a child for future sexual abuse.
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720 **Legal References: Federal Law 18 U.S.C. 2215 Sexual Exploitation of Children.**

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723 **Emotional Maltreatment-Abuse**

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725 **Emotional Maltreatment-Abuse is:**

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727 act(s), statement(s), or threat(s), which has had, or is likely to have an adverse impact
728 on the child; and/or
729 interferes with a child's positive emotional development.

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731 **Evidence of emotional maltreatment-abuse includes, but is not limited to, the**
732 **following:**

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734 rejecting;
735 degrading;
736 isolating and/or victimizing a child by means of cruel, unusual, or excessive methods
737 of discipline; and/or
738 exposing the child to brutal or intimidating acts or statements.

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740 **Indicators of Adverse Impact of emotional maltreatment-abuse may include, but are**
741 **not limited to, the following:**

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743 depression;
744 withdrawal;
745 low self-esteem;
746 anxiety;
747 fear;
748 aggression/passivity;
749 emotional instability;
750 sleep disturbances;
751 somatic complaints with no medical basis;
752 inappropriate behavior for age or development;
753 suicidal ideations or attempts;
754 extreme dependence;
755 academic regression;
756 and/or trust issues.

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760 **Physical Neglect**

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762 **A child may be found neglected who:**

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has been abandoned;

764 is being denied proper care and attention physically, educationally, emotionally, or
765 morally;
766 is being permitted to live under conditions, circumstances or associations injurious to
767 his well-being; and/or
768 has been abused.

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770 **Evidence of physical neglect includes, but is not limited to:**

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772 inadequate food;

773 malnutrition;

774 inadequate clothing;

775 inadequate housing or shelter;

776 erratic, deviant, or impaired behavior by the person responsible for the child's health,

777 welfare or care; by a person given access to the child; or by a person entrusted with

778 the child's care which adversely impacts the child;

779 permitting the child to live under conditions, circumstances or associations injurious

780 to his well-being including, but not limited to, the following:

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782 - substance abuse by caregiver, which adversely impacts the child physically;

783 - substance abuse by the mother of a newborn child and the newborn has a

784 positive urine or meconium toxicology for drugs;

785 - psychiatric problem of the caregiver which adversely impacts the child

786 physically;

787 - exposure to family violence which adversely impacts the child physically

788 exposure to violent events, situations, or persons that would be reasonably

789 judged to compromise a child's physical safety;

790 - non-accidental, negligent exposure to drug trafficking and/or individuals

791 engaged in the active abuse of illegal substances voluntarily and knowingly

792 entrusting the care of a child to individuals who may be disqualified to provide

793 safe care, e.g. persons who are subject to active protective or restraining orders;

794 persons with past history of violent/drug/sex crimes; persons appearing on the

795 Central Registry;

796 - non-accidental or negligent exposure to pornography or sexual acts;

797 - inability to consistently provide the minimum of child-caring tasks;

798 - inability to provide or maintain a safe living environment;

799 - action/inaction resulting in death;

800 - abandonment;

801 - action/inaction resulting in the child's failure to thrive;

802 - Transience;

803 - inadequate supervision:

804 - creating or allowing a circumstance in which a child is alone for an excessive

805 period of time given the child's age and cognitive abilities;

806 - holding the child responsible for the care of siblings or others beyond the

807 child's ability;

808 - failure to provide reasonable and proper supervision of a child given the

809 child's age and cognitive abilities.

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811 **Note:** Inadequate food, clothing, or shelter or transience finding must be related to

812 caregiver acts of omission or commission and not simply a function of poverty alone.

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815 **Medical Neglect**

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817 **Medical Neglect** is the unreasonable delay, refusal or failure on the part of the person
818 responsible for the child's health, welfare or care or the person entrusted with the child's
819 care to seek, obtain, and/or maintain those services for necessary medical, dental or
820 mental health care when such person knows, or should reasonably be expected to know,
821 that such actions may have an adverse impact on the child.

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823 **Evidence of medical neglect includes, but is not limited to:**

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825 - frequently missed appointments, therapies or other necessary medical and/or
826 mental health treatments;
827 - withholding or failing to obtain or maintain medically necessary treatment from a
828 child with life-threatening, acute or chronic medical or mental health conditions;
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830 - withholding medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life
831 threatening conditions.

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833 **Note:** Failure to provide the child with immunizations or routine well child care in and of
834 itself does not constitute medical neglect.

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837 **Educational Neglect**

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839 Except as noted below, **Educational Neglect** occurs when, by action or inaction, the
840 parent or person having control of a child five (5) years of age and older and under
841 eighteen (18) years of age who is not a high school graduate

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843 - fails to register the child in school;
844 - fails to allow the child to attend school or receive home instruction in accordance
845 with CONN. GEN. STAT. §10-184;
846 - failure to take appropriate steps to ensure regular attendance at school if the child
847 is registered.

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849 **Exceptions (in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-184):**

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851 A parent or person having control of a child may exercise the option of not sending the
852 child to school at age five (5) or age six (6) years by personally appearing at the school
853 district office and signing an option form. In these cases, educational neglect occurs if
854 the parent or person having control of the child has registered the child at age five (5) or
855 age (6) years and then does not allow the child to attend school or receive home
856 instruction.

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858 **Note:** Failure to sign a registration option form for such a child is not in and of itself
859 educational neglect.

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861 A parent or person having control of a child seventeen (17) years of age may consent to
862 such child's withdrawal from school. Such parent or person shall personally appear at
863 the school district office and sign a withdrawal form.

Emotional Neglect

Emotional Neglect is the denial of proper care and attention, or failure to respond, to a child's affective needs by the person responsible for the child's health, welfare or care; by the person given access to the child; or by the person entrusted with the child's care which has an adverse impact on the child or seriously interferes with a child's positive emotional development.

Evidence of emotional neglect includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- inappropriate expectations of the child given the child's developmental level;
- failure to provide the child with appropriate support, attention and affection;
- permitting the child to live under conditions, circumstances or associations; injurious to his well-being including, but not limited to, the following:
 - substance abuse by caregiver, which adversely impacts the child emotionally;
 - psychiatric problem of the caregiver, which adversely impacts the child emotionally; and
 - exposure to family violence which adversely impacts the child emotionally.

Indicators may include, but are not limited to, the following:

depression;
withdrawal;
low self-esteem;
anxiety;
fear;
aggression/ passivity;
emotional instability;
sleep disturbances;
somatic complaints with no medical basis;
inappropriate behavior for age or development;
suicidal ideations or attempts;
extreme dependence;
academic regression;
trust issues.

Moral Neglect

Moral Neglect: Exposing, allowing, or encouraging the child to engage in illegal or reprehensible activities by the person responsible for the child's health, welfare or care or person given access or person entrusted with the child's care.

Evidence of Moral Neglect includes but is not limited to:

stealing;
using drugs and/or alcohol;
and involving a child in the commission of a crime, directly or by caregiver
indifference.

Appendix C

INDICATORS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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Indicators of Physical Abuse

HISTORICAL

- Delay in seeking appropriate care after injury.
- No witnesses.
- Inconsistent or changing descriptions of accident by child and/or parent.
- Child's developmental level inconsistent with history.
- History of prior "accidents".
- Absence of parental concern.
- Child is handicapped (physically, mentally, developmentally) or otherwise perceived as "different" by parent.
- Unexplained school absenteeism.
- History of precipitating crisis

PHYSICAL

- Soft tissue injuries on face, lips, mouth, back, buttocks, thighs or large areas of the torso;
- Clusters of skin lesions; regular patterns consistent with an implement;
- Shape of lesions inconsistent with accidental bruise;
- Bruises/welts in various stages of healing;
- Burn pattern consistent with an implement on soles, palms, back, buttocks and genitalia; symmetrical and/or sharply demarcated edges;
- Fractures/dislocations inconsistent with history;
- Laceration of mouth, lips, gums or eyes;
- Bald patches on scalp;
- Abdominal swelling or vomiting;
- Adult-size human bite mark(s);
- Fading cutaneous lesions noted after weekends or absences;
- Rope marks.

BEHAVIORAL

- Wary of physical contact with adults;
- Affection inappropriate for age
- Extremes in behavior, aggressiveness/withdrawal;
- Expresses fear of parents;
- Reports injury by parent;
- Reluctance to go home;
- Feels responsible (punishment "deserved");
- Poor self-esteem;
- Clothing covers arms and legs even in hot weather.

Indicators of Sexual Abuse

HISTORICAL

- 968
- 969 Vague somatic complaint;
- 970 Excessive school absences;
- 971 Inadequate supervision at home;
- 972 History of urinary tract infection or vaginitis;
- 973 Complaint of pain; genital, anal or lower back/abdominal;
- 974 Complaint of genital itching;
- 975 Any disclosure of sexual activity, even if contradictory.

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- 979 Discomfort in walking, sitting;
- 980 Evidence of trauma or lesions in and around mouth;
- 981 Vaginal discharge/vaginitis;
- 982 Vaginal or rectal bleeding;
- 983 Bruises, swelling or lacerations around genitalia, inner thighs;
- 984 Dysuria;
- 985 Vulvitis;
- 986 Any other signs or symptoms of sexually transmitted disease;
- 987 Pregnancy.

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- 991 Low self-esteem;
- 992 Change in eating pattern;
- 993 Unusual new fears;
- 994 Regressive behaviors;
- 995 Personality changes (hostile/aggressive or extreme compliance);
- 996 Depression;
- 997 Decline in school achievement;
- 998 Social withdrawal; poor peer relationship;
- 999 Indicates sophisticated or unusual sexual knowledge for age;
- 1000 Seductive behavior, promiscuity or prostitution;
- 1001 Substance abuse;
- 1002 Suicide ideation or attempt;
- 1003 Runaway.

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Indicators of Emotional Abuse

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- Parent ignores/isolates/belittles/rejects/scapegoats child
- Parent's expectations inappropriate to child's development
- Prior episode(s) of physical abuse
- Parent perceives child as "different"

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- (Frequently none);
- Failure to thrive;
- Speech disorder;

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1019 Lag in physical development;
1020 Signs/symptoms of physical abuse.

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1022 **BEHAVIORAL**

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1024 Poor self-esteem

1025 Regressive behavior (sucking, rocking, enuresis)

1026 Sleep disorders

1027 Adult behaviors (parenting sibling)

1028 Antisocial behavior;

1029 Emotional or cognitive developmental delay;

1030 Extremes in behavior - overly aggressive/compliant;

1031 Depression;

1032 Suicide ideation/attempt.

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1034 **Indicators of Physical Neglect**

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1036 **HISTORICAL**

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1038 High rate of school absenteeism;

1039 Frequent visits to school nurse with nonspecific complaints;

1040 Inadequate supervision, especially for long periods and for dangerous activities;

1041 Child frequently unattended; locked out of house;

1042 Parental inattention to recommended medical care

1043 No food intake for 24 hours;

1044 Home substandard (no windows, doors, heat), dirty, infested, obvious hazards;

1045 Family member addicted to drugs/alcohol.

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1047 **PHYSICAL**

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1049 Hunger, dehydration;

1050 Poor personal hygiene, unkempt, dirty;

1051 Dental cavities/poor oral hygiene;

1052 Inappropriate clothing for weather/size of child, clothing dirty; wears same clothes day after day;

1053 Constant fatigue or listlessness;

1054 Unattended physical or health care needs;

1055 Infestations;

1056 Multiple skin lesions/sores from infection.

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1059 **BEHAVIORAL**

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1061 Comes to school early, leaves late;

1062 Frequent sleeping in class;

1063 Begging for/stealing food;

1064 Adult behavior/maturity (parenting siblings);

1065 Delinquent behaviors;

1066 Drug/alcohol use/abuse.

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIBED MEDICINE

5141.21

Prescribed medicinal preparations may be administered by the school nurse or in the absence of such nurse, any other nurse licensed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 378, including a nurse employed by, or providing services under the direction of a local board of education. In the absence of a school nurse, the principal, any contracted full time teacher, licensed physical or occupational therapist employed by Enfield Public Schools, or a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics of Enfield Public Schools who has been trained in the administration of medication.

A request to administer medication during school hours requires a written order of an authorized prescriber (physician, dentist, optometrist advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant and for interscholastic and intramural athletic events only, a podiatrist) and written permission from parent or guardian in accordance with the regulations and guidelines approved by the Enfield Board of Education, except for the administration of epinephrine for the purpose of emergency first aid as permitted by state law.

The regulations of the State Office of Early Childhood as amended shall be part of this policy.

The Pupil Services Administration and the Supervisor of Nurses shall be responsible for the administration of this school policy.

**References: Public Act No. 04-181, 78-99, 723
Connecticut General Statutes 10-212a**

Policy Adopted: September 8, 1970
Policy Amended: (Effective: March 24, 1981)
Policy Amended: July 21, 1986
Policy Amended: May 22, 1990 (Effective September 1, 1990)
Policy Reviewed: February 28, 1995
Policy Revised: November 26, 1996
Policy Reviewed: November 26, 2002
Policy Revised: November 23, 2004
Policy Reviewed: September 22, 2009
Policy Revised: April 26, 2011
Policy Revised:

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

**COMPUTER NETWORK AND/OR INTERNET
STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT POLICY**

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The Board of Education provides computers, networks and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities for students and school staff.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students utilize Enfield Public Schools' computers, networks and Internet services for school-related purposes and is consistent with the Enfield Public Schools' stated mission, goals and objectives. The Enfield Public Schools reserves the right to place restrictions on the material accessed or posted and to enforce all rules set forth in the Enfield Board of Education Policies, Administrative Regulations, and applicable local, state, and federal laws.

The district recognizes its responsibility to educate students regarding appropriate behavior on social networking and chat room sites about cyberbullying. Therefore, students shall be provided instruction about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response.

Any student who violates this policy and/or any rules governing use of the Enfield Public Schools' computers networks and Internet services will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Illegal uses of the school district's computers will also result in referral to law enforcement authorities.

All Enfield Public Schools' computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the Enfield Public Schools. Enfield Public Schools reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers.

Each student authorized to access the school district's computers, networks and Internet services is required to sign an acknowledgment form stating that they have read this policy and the accompanying regulations.

Malicious use of the Enfield Public Schools' computer network to develop programs or to institute practices that harass other users or gain unauthorized access to any entity on the system and/or damage the components of the entity of the network is prohibited. Users are responsible for the appropriateness of the material they transmit over the system. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, cyberbullying, or other antisocial behaviors are expressly prohibited.

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another person by sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful email-messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures, images, and Web site postings.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the accompanying rules and for advising the Board of the need for any future amendments or revisions to the policy/regulations. The Superintendent or his/her designee may develop additional administrative procedures/rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the Enfield Public Schools' computers, networks and Internet services system as long as they are consistent with the Board's policy. The Superintendent may delegate specific responsibilities to building principals and others as he/she deems appropriate.

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Reference: **Connecticut General Statute 10-221 as Amended by Public Act
15-217 and 15-217, "An act Concerning Various Revisions and
Additions to Educational Statutes"
Administrative Regulation #6141.32**

Policy Adopted: **July 13, 1999**
Policy Revised: **February 24, 2004**
Policy Revised: **August 28, 2007**
Policy Revised: **March 24, 2009**
Policy Revised: **June 26, 2012**
Policy Revised:

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held at Town Hall in Council Chambers, located at 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on May 24, 2016.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Tom Sirard.
2. **INVOCATION OR MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Stacy Thurston
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Stacy Thurston
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT:** Tom Sirard announced the fire evacuation announcement.
5. **ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Walter Kruzel, Raymond Peabody, Lori Unghire, Mike Ludwick, Tim Neville, Stacy Thurston, Vin Grady and Tom Sirard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tina LeBlanc

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jeffery Schumann, Superintendent; Mr. Christopher Drezek, Deputy Superintendent; and EHS Student Representative Caitlyn Passmore

6. **BOARD GUEST(S):** None
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**
 - a. Student Representatives – as presented
 - b. Grants Report – as presented
 - c. Personnel Report – as presented
 - d. May/June Events – as presented
8. **AUDIENCES** - None
9. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mrs. Thurston congratulated all of the First Readers who received their certificates last night. She also attended the Fermi Farewell Concert on Sunday. So many alumni attended this event. It was a huge success. She wished Mr. Grady a happy birthday.

Mr. Grady attended the Parkman Chorus and Band Concert last week. The students did an amazing job. We have some really talented kids in our elementary schools. He congratulated the staff for a job well done.

Mr. Grady thanked our Veteran's for giving their lives for our freedom. He personally thanked Liz Davis for her service to our country and his daughter, who is currently serving in the Air Force Reserves.

Mr. Kruzel attended the First Readers Awards ceremony. It was phenomenal to see these students. There were over 100 students that attended. This is another great program for our students.

Mrs. Unghire stated that she attended the LEGO Building Tomorrow Project. It was great to see the students work and what they created. She also attended the JFK concert and wished both Mr. Kruzel and Mr. Grady happy birthday.

Chairman Sirard congratulated the 172 First Readers. He wished both Vin and Walt happy birthday. He also wished Tina a happy anniversary.

Chairman Sirard thanked all of our Veteran's for your service to our country. Memorial Day is about them and they deserve to be remembered past and present Veteran's.

Mr. Neville also wished both Vin and Walter happy birthdays and Tina a happy anniversary. We spend a lot of nights together. He added that we have a holiday weekend coming up to celebrate the sacrifices made by our veterans. He thanked them for their services and wished them the best.

Mr. Neville thanked the Fermi/Enfield High team building program. He is glad to hear the National Guard is assisting with this team building program. He is glad the schools are working together on this team building activity.

Mr. Neville stated he asked about the 2 hour delay for the parochial schools at the last meeting. They have been notified and will follow our schedule for any delays. He appreciated the administrations quick follow-up on this.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Transition Update

Dr. Schumann reported that we are on time and on track for the summer move. The elevators will be available in the new A Wing on July 23rd. We will continue to pack and move items into the second and third floors in A Wing. Faculty and staff will be back in August. We will have the entire building back on August 23rd. We are moving in the right direction.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. JFK NEAS&C PRESENTATION

Ms. Middleton, our Chief Academic Officer gave an overview of the JFK NEAS&C on-going process to the Board. They have given us their recommendations from the self-evaluation they conducted. Mr. Sargalski will review the next steps for JFK.

Mr. Sargalski stated we have received good news regarding the JFK re-accreditation. There is still a good amount of work that needs to be done. JFK staff members Elaina Beebe, Steven Jewell and David Guertin reviewed the Teaching and Learning Standards, Mission & Expectations, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment; Leadership & Organization; School Resources; Community Resources commendations and recommendations.

Mr. Sargalski explained the next steps needed for the next several years. We will continue to work with our curriculum coordinators, content area coordinators, Central Office and the Standards Based Committee members to plan and implement the needed recommended changes. He will submit 2 special reports in October 2016 and March 2017. They had concerns about our nursing cots and students sitting on the buses for approximately 10-12 minutes before entering the school in the morning and during the cold weather months. This needs to be addressed in our October report. Our March report needs to connect the over-arching civic and social expectations with our mission statement and curriculum. They exist

but our connection needs to be stronger. We need to design and implement a plan to integrate research based assessment practices and connect a rating to all identifying learning standards. We need to establish a plan for the library media program that is supervised with a certified librarian media specialist.

Mr. Neville commended them for this report. This is additional work that is ongoing. It is a huge task and he knows this from past experience. This is a rigorous self assessment. Nursing is a huge concern. Many of the cots are original from 1969.

Mr. Sargalski stated we will reupholster them to save money instead of replacing them.

Mr. Neville asked if they can give the Board an update with the 2 year and 5 year reports. He added that budget constraints are a huge concern.

Mr. Sargalski stated that he will continue to update the Board with the progress.

Mr. Neville would like to receive hard copies of this report. Dr. Schumann stated we will send this to the Board electronically and we will post it on the website.

Mr. Peabody stated you have done a nice job. He was present when the NEAS&C Committee came to JFK. The committee was very thorough. He asked about the academic and social alignment.

Mr. Sargalski stated their academic, social and civic expectations that need to align with our mission statement. There are some areas we need to improve on. The students need to know how they are doing and we need to vertically align this with the high school mission statement.

Mr. Peabody asked about the budget for technology. You are maximizing the space at JFK for student support and personnel is commendable. He asked about any challenges.

Mr. Sargalski stated we have a cohesive plan moving forward. We are using BEST practices and make sure our professional development is driving school improvements.

Mr. Peabody asked Chairman Sirard if this presentation can be given to the Town Council so they know what is at stake here. This is a continuing quality improvement idea.

Mr. Neville agrees, this would be a great idea to present this to them.

Mr. Grady also agrees. He asked if they can give us a punch list of what needs to be done for this accreditation process. Also list if any budget impacts are preventing your progress.

Mr. Sargalski will work on this list over the summer and will prioritize the items for the Board.

Mr. Ludwick stated the atmosphere and culture at JFK is very positive. Mr. Sargalski stated we did receive high grades on this area.

Mr. Ludwick stated that is not surprising. He added that a lot of the JFK staff attends student games. This is very important and gives a positive vibe in the school. He understands the financial concerns. The student and staff relationship is very important. There are many measurable things going on at JFK that cannot be put on paper like plays and concerts. Our kids have gone through many things. You definitely earned your accreditation.

Mr. Ludwick asked how long will this accreditation be for? Ms. Middleton stated 5 years. Mr. Sargalski added that we would start the process all over again. Mr. Ludwick stated the key is self-evaluation.

Mr. Ludwick congratulated them for earning their accreditation without the financial backing.

Mr. Neville added by bringing this report to the Town Council will give them a good idea of what is going on in our buildings. It is important to get the community involved. We can educate them about the process. This rigorous process will improve learning for our students. Many people watch E-TV. It would be good for us to present this information to the Town Council at a joint meeting.

Mr. Peabody asked about the gap with our technology devices. This will let us know what additional technology is needed.

Chairman Sirard thanked them for the presentation. We know you are dealing with the most challenging years of our young adults at JFK. You are doing a great job. The NEAS&C was positive and finances are needed. The assessment was very positive. We will continue to fight for the funding that is needed for our students and town. We all know who is short changing who. Education delivery has changed due to State mandates. It is an evolving process. You are doing a wonderful job at JFK to make sure we are vertically aligned. They made a recommendation and you have done a wonderful job getting us to this point. Thank you.

b. APPROVAL OF HEAD START FY2017 FEDERAL COLA GRANT

Mrs. Clement and Mrs. Levasseur gave the Board an update about the Enfield Head Start program. We are very proud of our families and students. They are fully enrolled with 104 students and have great parent participation. Student attendance is 90% or higher. Sixty Four (67) students will move onto Kindergarten in the fall. Our staff is very dedicated to the students and families. We have seen tremendous growth with our students.

Mrs. Clement and Mrs. Levasseur reviewed the Teaching Strategies Gold Early Childhood Assessment from the Fall 2015 compared to the Spring 2016. We have had a very successful year. Mrs. Clement added the students entering Head Start are entering with a lower level of skills compared to past years.

Mrs. Clement reviewed the grant with the Board to apply for this available COLA grant.

Mr. Peabody congratulated them for their hard work and dedication to the students. He is very impressed with the student growth. The Enfield Head Start program is a successful program compared to other Head Start Programs.

Mr. Ludwick asked about the student criteria. Mrs. Levasseur stated the students need to master the 12 objectives they are assessed at.

Mr. Ludwick asked if there are any grants you can apply for based on the student's meeting the required criteria success. Mrs. Clement wished there were some grants available based on the students success.

Mr. Ludwick appreciates the information you have provided.

Mr. Neville added that he likes when you come before the Board. Your program is extremely successful and it makes a difference with student learning in Kindergarten. Do you have a waiting list?

Mrs. Clement stated we continually take applications and have waiting lists with 70 students on it. We accept applications all year long. Families move and we can take students from the waiting lists.

Mr. Neville asked why the student's skills are lower now when they enter Head Start. Mrs. Clement stated that many families are struggling financially and some families are very fragile. Many of the students are spending too much time using screens from computers, tablets or phones. This affects their social, learning and speech skills. Students need to interact. This is affecting their overall learning.

Mr. Neville has read about this. This is very interesting. He asked if the student data will go along with the student to Kindergarten. This information will help the teachers to know where the students are academically.

Mrs. Clement stated this information is sent to the teachers for that purpose.

Mr. Neville thanked them and urged them to keep up the good work. He loves when you come before us.

Mrs. Thurston stated she adores the students. She urged Board members to visit them. She has made many friends with the parents since she has been the liaison. They are so involved with the program at Head Start.

Mr. Peabody asked if they also work with Social Services. Mrs. Clement stated they collaborate with Family Resource Center, Asnuntuck Community College, Kite, Social Services and the public library. We all work together.

Mr. Peabody stated that a neighbor's child attended Head Start and it made such a difference with the child's learning and development. This program is a huge success.

Mr. Peabody moved, seconded by Mrs. Unghire that the Enfield Board of Education approves the Head Start FY2017 Federal COLA Grant as presented.

A vote by **roll-call 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

c. 2016 Lester J. Bodley Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Grady moved, seconded by Mr. Kruzel that the Enfield Board of Education approves Student A as the recipient of the 2016 Lester J. Bodley Memorial Scholarship.

A vote by **roll-call 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

Mrs. Thurston moved, seconded by Mrs. Unghire that the Enfield Board of Education approves Student B as the recipient of the 2016 Lester J. Bodley Memorial Scholarship.

A vote by **roll-call 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Building Committee

Mr. Kruzel stated we are moving along with the project. The weights that rusted during storage are at his facility being sand blasted. Next they will go to Chairman Sirard's facility for plating.

Mr. Neville thanked both Mr. Kruzel and Chairman Sirard for stepping up to the plate to get the weights sand blasted and coated. He added that the gas line concern at Enfield High has been addressed and resolved. The traffic light discussion at Enfield High is ongoing and it will cost around \$250K to install. This is still being discussed.

Mr. Kruzel added they are still looking at traffic patterns.

Mr. Neville added the steel is going up and it is gorgeous. Our meeting went very quickly and we are meeting all of our deadlines. We are in a good place.

Mr. Kruzel added there haven't been any change orders during this week.

Mr. Grady asked if the Building Committee has reached out to our legislators about the traffic light. Mr. Kruzel stated that Wendy Osada has.

b. Curriculum Committee

Mr. Neville reported the Curriculum Committee met. We discussed textbooks, curriculum changes and the grades 3-5 standards based report cards. We are making progress with opportunities for our students with the number of AP classes being offered. We are looking into the UConn/AP costs for exams. This is something the Board will need to discuss for next year.

Mr. Neville asked what is the trend for computers and the number of computers we have or will need? We need to look at the trend. This may impact the district. This is another item that the Board will need to discuss further.

c. Finance Committee

Mr. Peabody reported the Finance Committee met earlier tonight. Nutrition services went through an audit and there were no irregular findings found. Talented and Gifted will also be reviewed. We received some information regarding this estate. We will address accounts and payroll later on the agenda.

Mr. Neville asked if we have received any money from this estate. Mr. Drezek stated we have received some of the money from them. A percentage was held back. We were notified that the check is in the mail.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kruzel moved, seconded by Mr. Neville that the Special Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2016 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

Mr. Kruzel and Mrs. Thurston moved that the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2016 be approved. A vote by **show-of-hands 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYROLL

a. For the Month of April 2016

Mr. Peabody moved, seconded by Mr. Kruzel that the Enfield Board of Education certifies that in the month of April 2016, total expenditures amount to \$7,455,364.00 broken down between payroll totaling \$5,957,900.47 and other accounts totaling \$1,497,463.53.

All payments have been made in accordance with the approved budget and are properly accounted for within the books of accounts. Copies of approval for check invoices are properly documented.

A vote by **roll-call 8-0-0** passed unanimously.

b. Line Item Transfers, if any – None

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Invitation to attend the ETLA Graduation Ceremony
- b. Invitation to attend the Enfield Adult Education Graduation Ceremony

16. AUDIENCES - None

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Kruzal moved, seconded by Mr. Neville that the Enfield Board of Education enters into Executive Session for Matter(s) Related to Collective Bargaining and Matter(s) Related to Personnel.

A vote by **show of hands 7-1-0** passed with Mrs. Thurston in dissent.

The Board remained in Council Chambers for the Executive Session at 8:15 PM. Mr. Drezek and Dr. Schumann joined the Board in Executive Session. No Board action occurred during the Executive Session.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Thurston moved, seconded by Mr. Kruzal to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016.

All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting stood adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Tina LeBlanc
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Zalucki, Recording Secretary