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### MEMORANDUM

To: Members of ISBA's Policy Update Service

From: Quinn Perry, Policy & Government Affairs Director

Re: **Spring 2021 ISBA Policy Update Release**

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**1300:** This update involves the review of policies by the Board. It offers a new option for less frequent routine review of policies. It has also been rephrased in light of the fact some policies are required to be reviewed more often. **This is an optional update to a strongly recommended policy.**

**1303:** By popular request, this new policy provides a list of policies that must be reviewed annually. It also provides a way to document such review. **This is a new optional policy. If you adopt it, remember to add it in your table of contents.**

**1315:** This update is to comply with HB222, which modified the continuous improvement plan and consolidated various reporting requirements into one. This is a **highly recommended policy**, because a Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) is required by statute. **For Charter Schools: Your Performance Certificate may be used in lieu of your CIP.**

**1500:** This reflects the change in SB1043aa, which now requires school districts and charter school boards to take action on student disciplinary hearings in Executive Session. It does require you to reflect the decision – without naming the student – in the official minutes, and place a copy of the decision in the student's file. We will soon update the Clerk's manual to include sample language for purposes of your minutes. **This update is required to ensure this recommended policy remains in compliance.**

**1650:** SB1006 updated and consolidated Idaho's Education Laws on literacy and includes required training for new school board members. **This is a recommended update to a recommended policy.**

**2125:** Like the update to 1650, this update reflects SB1006's requirement that all trustees who are elected or appointed after July 1, 2021 receive at least one board member orientation training on literacy intervention and improvements. After June 30, 2023, every school board member will be required to receive this training, which will be provided by the Idaho State Board of Education. **This is a recommended update to a now-recommended policy.**

**2210P2:** This new procedure on health emergency-related school closures supplements ISBA's long-standing procedure on weather emergency-related closures. **This procedure is optional.**

**2220:** SB1075 allows school districts and charter schools that use a kindergarten screener to use their existing funds to start a "Kindergarten Jump Start" programs for incoming kindergarteners whose score indicates they are below readiness levels. If your school or district decides to offer these programs, training must be provided to parents/guardians. Further, we cleaned up language on Prekindergarten programs in order to make it user friendly. **This is a recommended update to a now-recommended policy.**

**2400:** ISBA generally directs districts and schools to the State Department of Education's Idaho Special Education Manual when it comes to the complex topic of special education. This policy places this practice in policy. **This policy, or another the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is required.**

**2700P:** This update strikes out a reference to a now-defunct program and terms used in the policy. We have highlighted the strike-out language in gray. **This is an optional update to a recommended procedure.**

**2710:** SB1039 created a new specialty diploma titled "Workforce Readiness and Career Technical Education Diploma." This policy spells out the process in which a student may receive one, if the district or school chooses to offer it. **This is an optional update to an optional policy.**

**3030 and 3031:** Policy language on non-public school students participating in district or school extracurricular activities has been removed from 3030 and placed in a new policy—3031. **Both of the resulting policies are required.** We also clarified how graduation requirements for dual enrolled students mesh with requirements for specialty diplomas. ***Once adopted, remember to add 3031 in your table of contents.***

**3330:** SB1116 updated Idaho's statute on when to suspend/expel children from public school. The change clarified the definition of a weapon to align with the Federal statute and exclude pocket knives of less than 2 ½ inches in length. As a result, carrying one no longer causes a student to qualify for an automatic expulsion. **This is a recommended update to a required policy.**

**3340P:** Corresponds with the update in Policy 1500 requiring school boards to take action on expulsion in executive session. **This is a recommended update to a required procedure.**

**3500:** HB220 prohibits any public agency – including school districts and public charter schools – from providing abortion-related counseling and referrals. **This is a recommended update to a required policy.**

**3525:** HB298 now requires all school districts and charter schools to describe all

immunization exemptions whenever they communicate immunization requirements. The communication about exemptions must also cite the Idaho Code that allows for the exemption. Also included is sample communication to use when you are communicating about immunization requirements. **This is a highly recommended update to a recommended policy.**

**3570/3570P:** This is a minor cross reference update to align the policy to your school district or charter school record retention policy. **This is a recommended update to a required policy.**

**4420:** This update clarifies the title of the policy and removes outdated direction as to how closely signs alerting sex offenders to their limited right to enter or be near the property should be posted. **This is an optional update to a required policy. *It also has an updated title, which we recommend you reflect in your table of contents.***

**5100:** This update clarifies the meaning of a couple of terms and includes other minor “clean-up” edits. It is an optional update to a required policy.

**5105:** HB111 further clarifies that no employee who is utilizing an alternative route and is on an interim certificate can be issued a Category 4 (sometimes known as renewable or continuing contract) until they have received their 5-year renewable certificate, and has received their Professional Endorsement. This language clarified that in the policy. **This is a highly recommended update to a recommended policy.**

**5350:** This update adds language from HB222 that clarified that individuals who hold a Professional or Advanced Professional Endorsement may only be evaluated on only two domains. **This is an optional update.**

**7403:** This policy outlines required practices for procurement of goods and services at various levels of cost for school meal programs. **This is a required policy.**

**7408:** SB1042 updated Idaho’s “Qualifications Based Standards” when it comes soliciting bids for public work professionals. **This is a required update for a recommended policy.**

**7460:** Like the update to 3500 described above, this update addresses HB220’s prohibition on any public agency – including school districts and public charter schools—providing abortion-related counseling and referrals. **This is a new recommended policy. *If you adopt it, remember to include the new policy in your table of contents.***

**7700:** This update simply adds a new code reference at the bottom of the policy. **This is an optional update to a required policy.**

**7710:** The new language in this policy update is to conform to the new requirements imposed by HB66. Because the new law states that a bond or levy ballot that does *not* include the required ballot disclosure is invalid, we opted to include it in model policy. ISBA will be including a new sample ballot to comply with the law in an upcoming Clerks

Manual update. **This is a recommended update to a required policy.**

**8605:** This is a simple reference update to conform with updates in Policy 3570/3570P and to allow for a shorter retention period for education records. **This is a recommended update to a required policy.**

**The “C” Series Policies:** At this time, we are recommending that your Board and Administrator team consider whether or not you need to revert back to the original policy and away from the Emergency Series policies we issued last summer. Some of the policy language you may consider integrating into your normal manual. Otherwise, you may suspend the “C” Series policy and revert back to the original policy which can be done by a motion with an appropriate action item listed on your agenda.

If ISBA Staff can assist you with your “C” Series policies, don’t hesitate to contact April Hoy or Quinn Perry.