

**Executive Summary of  
PRESS Plus 90  
BOE Policy Updates  
January 12, 2016**

Approval for the following recommendations will be sought at the BOE Business Meeting on January 19, 2016.

**4:170 Operational Services - Safety**

The recommended changes to this policy relate to new mandates that require school buildings to have carbon monoxide alarms and detectors installed within 20 feet of any device that can emit carbon monoxide. USD116 is already in compliance with the changes recommended in this policy.

**5:90 General Personnel - Abused and Neglected Child Reporting**

The recommended changes to this policy are minor - they change the word "certified" to "licenced" throughout the policy. This policy mandates that any USD116 is a mandated reported.

**6:50 Instruction - School Wellness**

The USD116 School Wellness policy was recently updated and the BOE approved recommendations from the Wellness Committee. The attorneys for the BOE have suggested several minor modifications to comply with the compliance with Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 and the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA). The recommended changes include adding the following sentences:

- Under the heading "School Meals" - "Students will be offered and schools will promote nutritious food and beverage choices consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans published jointly the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Agriculture. In addition, in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity, the Superintendent or designee shall restrict the sale of competitive foods as defined by the USDA in the food service areas during meal periods and comply with all ISBE rules."
- Under the subheading "Exempted Fundraising Day (EFD) Requests" - "All food and beverages sold to students on the school campuses of participating schools during the school day must comply with the "general nutrition standards for competitive foods" specified in federal law, unless the Superintendent or designee in a participation school has granted an exempted fundraising day (EFD). To request an EFD and learn more about the District's related procedures contact the Superintendent or designee. The district's procedures are subject to change. The number of EFDs is set by ISBE rule."

- Add the following sentence - "During the school day all students will be required to engage in a daily physical education course unless otherwise exempted. See Board Policy 6:60 Curriculum Content."

### **6:150 Instruction - English Learners**

The changes to this policy are in response the ISBE Clean Up Bill (PA 99-30). The changes update the phrase "English Language Learners" to "English Learners."

### **6:315 Instruction - High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8 (New Number)**

This information has been moved from the policy 6:320 Instruction - High School Credit for Proficiency and altered in response to changes in legislation. This policy allows the district to investigate, coordinate, and implement a program for students in grades 7 and 8 to enroll in courses that grant credit toward the high school diploma.

### **6:320 Instruction - High School Credit for Proficiency**

This policy has been altered due to the move of the information described in 6:315 Instruction - High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8.

### **7:50 Students - School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools**

This is simply a wording change that changes the word "certified" to "licensed."

### **7:100 - Students - Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusions of Students**

This policy is changed to comply with legislative changes that change the age range for the risk assessment or screening for lead poisoning. The new age range is 1 year to 7 years. The policy also changes information about "religious exemption" to comply with changes in legislation and the Illinois Administrative Code. It requires the use of the Illinois Department of Public Health "Certificate of Religious Exemption" form. That form can be found on ISBE's website: <http://www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/immun-exam-qdlns-religious-exempt.pdf>

### **7:130 - Students - Student Rights and Responsibilities**

The changes in this policy reflect changes in legislation that clarify the rights of students to "voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious based meetings that, consist with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. and

Illinois Constitutions, are not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any manner by the school or any school employee” during non-instructional time.

#### **7:140 - Students - Search and Seizure**

The recommended changes in this policy reflect changes in legislation called the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act (105 ILCS 75). School officials may not request or require a student or his/her parent/guardian to provide password or login information to gain access to the student’s social media website profile; however, “school officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student’s account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy.”

#### **7:290 - Students - Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention (New Policy)**

This is a new policy required by legislation. This policy requires the development of a suicide and depression awareness and prevention program, and details the components of the program and plan for intervening with students, notifying parents, and educating staff. USD116 already has a Suicide Prevention Program which meets the requirements of this new policy.

#### **7:300 - Students - Extracurricular Athletics**

The recommended updates are based on legislative changes that clarify the relationship between this policy and 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities. It requires a “Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form” which USD116 already uses. It also references IHSA and IESA policies and procedures regarding Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries (See changes to 7:305 in PRESS Plus 90).

#### **7:305 - Students - Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries**

The changes to this policy are to comply with changes and anticipated changes to the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act (105 ILCS 5/22-80). Once approved, this policy requires the BOE to approve members of a Concussion Oversight Team, who will be tasked with creating a “return to play” and a “return to learn” protocol and the associated administrative procedures and forms related to student athlete concussions and head injuries.

#### **7:340 - Students - Student Records**

The recommended changes have been suggested for clarity. Specifically, it notes that the “District discloses school student records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any person as specifically required by State or federal law.”