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Title EQUIVALENCE IN INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF AND MATERIALS

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NOTE: A policy on equivalence in instructional staff and materials has long been required under Title I. However, districts are exempt if they have only one building per grade span or meet other criteria set by the State Education Department (SED). When the No Child Left Behind Act was enacted in 2001, this requirement was moved from federal regulations into federal law.

We are providing this policy for the Board's consideration as a replacement for—and expansion of—Policy 8260 (Title I Programs and Services District-Wide Parental Involvement), specifically the section on Comparability of Services. The Title I program language from Policy 8260 has been expanded here, while parental involvement provisions are now addressed in new Policy 1900.

If the district wishes to include a specific Title I complaint process, it can be added to this policy. If the process closely aligns with the general complaint procedure outlined in Policy 1400 (Public Complaints), a cross-reference to that policy may suffice.

In accordance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the Board of Education directs that services in Title I schools and programs, when taken as a whole, shall be substantially comparable to services in schools and programs that do not receive Title I funds. This includes curriculum materials, instructional supplies, and personnel (teachers, administrators, and other personnel).

The Superintendent of Schools shall follow the State Education Department guidelines in determining such equivalence on an annual basis, and report to the Board, upon request, on the status of district schools with regard to equivalence. The district shall maintain records, updated biannually, documenting this equivalence.

Complaints regarding the district's implementation of this equivalence requirement shall be addressed in accordance with Board policy 1400, Complaints from the Public.

Cross-ref:

1400, Complaints from the Public

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20 USC §6321(c) (No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)

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