NEW POLICIES

NYSED is currently auditing certain districts’ compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. The audits appear to be focused on identifying strengths and deficiencies in a district’s Title 1 Part A, Title 1 Part C, Title 1 Part D, Title II Part A, and McKinney-Vento programs. Based on conversations with districts regarding these audits and a review of applicable laws, regulations and guidance, Erie 1 has provided new policies 5413 and 5551:

5413 – Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards – This new policy relates to the District’s procurement of goods or services using federal grant funds awarded through formula and/or discretionary grants, including funds awarded by the United States Department of Education as grants or funds awarded to a pass-through entity, such as the New York State Education Department, for subgrants. Under the UGG, districts must establish and maintain effective internal controls that provide reasonable assurance that the district is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. A district is also required to use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable federal law and the standards identified in the UGG.

LCSD is doing this already. Send to BOE.

5551 – Allocation of Title 1, Part A Funds in the District – The policy provides a broad overview of the criteria pertaining to a district’s allocation of Title 1 Part A funds and documents, in writing, that Title 1 Part A funds will be allocated to district school buildings on the basis of highest poverty to lowest poverty. The policy also documents, in writing, that Title 1 Part A funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, other state and local funds.

Send to BOE.

ADDITIONAL NEW POLICIES

6121 - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace – this completely replaces former policy 6121 “Sexual Harassment of District Personnel

District already looking to implementing necessary practices. Send to BOE.
6161 - Conference/Travel Expense Reimbursement - we've had the regulation for a very long time, but not the policy. It makes sense to add it.

Corresponds with regulation 6161r. Send to BOE.

7133 – Education of Students in Foster Care – This policy was developed in light of the ESEA audits and in light of the NYS 18-19 Executive Budget which added Ed Law §3244, Education of Children in Foster Care, and amended Ed Law §3202, Public Schools Free to Resident Pupils; Tuition from Non-Resident Pupils. The proposed policy addresses a wide variety of topics related to the education of students in foster care including the transportation of these students, the designation of a district foster care liaison, and district responsibilities when designated as the district of attendance.

Our District already follows this practice. Send to BOE.

REVISIONS TO EXISTING POLICIES

5661 – Wellness – Based on NYSED Child Nutrition audits, discussions with Child Nutrition staff, and feedback from districts, Erie 1 has reorganized the policy, added language regarding triennial assessments, and removed duplicative information. The new language is highlighted in green.

Send to BOE.

6213 – Registration and Professional Development - 8 NYCRR Section 80-6.3 was recently amended to modify the language acquisition CTLE requirements for individuals that hold a school district business leader certificate. The policy was revised for clarity and to be consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

Send to BOE.

7222 – Diploma & Credential Options for Students with Disabilities – In September SED further revised proposed changes to this policy. The revised policy is shorter and broader and is designed to absorb future changes to diploma and/or credential options for students with disabilities.

Special Education Department reviewed this policy. Old policy is gone. New policy in place. Send to BOE.

7522 - Concussion Management - SED recently released updated Guidelines for Concussion Management in Schools In light of these updated guidelines, they have added additional language to this policy.

Athletic Department has reviewed this policy and we are complying. Send to BOE.
NEXT MEETING

Next Policy Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2019.