

VISION

The Board of Trustees believes that a clearly stated purpose and direction for the district provide the foundation for continuous improvement and accountability. The Board shall adopt a long-range vision for district programs and activities that focuses on the achievement and well-being of all students and reflects the importance of preparing students for the future academically, professionally, and personally. The vision shall recognize the unique role of students, parents/guardians, staff, and community partners in contributing to a high-quality education for all students. The district's vision may be incorporated into its mission or purpose statement, philosophy or motto, long-term goals, short-term objectives, and comprehensive plans such as the local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

(cf. [0100](#) - Philosophy)
(cf. [0200](#) - Goals for the School District)
(cf. [0400](#) - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. [0460](#) - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. [9000](#) - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend an appropriate process, with clearly defined procedures, timelines, and responsibilities, for establishing, reviewing, and updating the district's vision statements. This process shall include a review of relevant district documents and data including, but not limited to, information about student demographics, student achievement, current programs, and emerging educational issues. The process shall incorporate an analysis and identification of district strengths and areas in which growth is needed. Input shall be solicited from parents/guardians, students, staff, and community members through methods such as surveys, focus groups, advisory committees, and/or public meetings and forums.

(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. [2230](#) - Representative and Deliberative Groups)
(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

The Board shall review the district's vision statements annually, in conjunction with the update to the LCAP, to ensure consistency among all documents that set direction for the district. Following these reviews, the Board may revise or reaffirm the direction it has established for the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate the district's vision to staff, parents/guardians, and the community.

(cf. [1113](#) - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. [1100](#) - Communication with the Public)

Board decisions regarding curriculum, policies, the budget, collective bargaining agreements, and other district operations shall be aligned with the district's vision. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff's implementation of district programs and activities supports attainment of the district's vision.

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The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding district progress toward the vision.

(cf. [0500](#) - Accountability)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[52060-52077](#) Local control and accountability plan

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

The School Board Role in Creating the Conditions for Student Achievement: A Review of the Research, May 2017

Governing to Achieve: A Synthesis of Research on School Governance to Support Student Achievement, August 7, 2014

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WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for developing and regularly reviewing the district's vision and direction which includes:

1. Clearly defined procedures, timelines and responsibilities
2. Identification of the strengths and needs of the district
3. Input from parents/guardians, students, staff and community members through procedures which may include surveys, focus groups, advisory committees and/or public meetings and forums

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

4. Board adoption of district vision statements at a public meeting

As part of this process, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board of Trustees with relevant district documents and data, including current district mission and vision statements, if any, and information about student demographics, student achievement, student enrollment patterns, current programs and recent program cuts, staffing and professional development needs, budget trends, facilities, technology and emerging educational issues.

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

PHILOSOPHY

In order to establish and support a guiding vision for the district, the Governing Board shall develop, articulate, and regularly review an overarching set of fundamental principles which describe the district's core beliefs, values, and tenets. The Board and district staff shall incorporate these principles into all programs, activities, and operations of the district.

(cf. [0000](#) - *Vision*)

(cf. [0200](#) - *Goals for the School District*)

(cf. [0460](#) - *Local Control and Accountability Plan*)

(cf. [9000](#) - *Role of the Board*)

It is the philosophy of the district that:

1. All students can learn and succeed.
2. Every student should have an opportunity to receive a quality education regardless of his/her social, cultural, or economic background.

(cf. [0410](#) - *Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities*)

3. Every student in the district has a right to be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, as prohibited by law or district policy.
4. The future of our nation and community depends on students possessing the skills to be lifelong learners, collaborative and creative problem solvers, and effective, contributing members of a global and technologically advanced society.
5. Highly skilled and dedicated teachers and educational support staff have the capacity to guide students toward individual achievement and growth, and have a direct and powerful influence on student learning and life experiences.
6. A safe, nurturing environment and positive school climate are necessary for learning, academic achievement, and student development.

(cf. [5131.2](#) - *Bullying*)

(cf. [5137](#) - *Positive School Climate*)

7. Parents/guardians have a right and an obligation to be engaged in their child's education and to be involved in the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of their child.

(cf. [6020](#) - *Parent Involvement*)

8. The needs of the whole child must be addressed, as the ability of children to learn is affected by social, health, and economic conditions and other factors outside the classroom.

PHILOSOPHY (continued)

9. Early identification of learning and behavioral difficulties and timely and appropriate support and intervention contribute to student success.
10. Students and staff are encouraged and motivated by high expectations and recognition for their accomplishments.
11. School improvement is a dynamic process requiring flexibility and innovation to meet the needs of students in a changing world.
12. Professional development for the Board and district staff is essential for the growth and success of the district and its students.

(cf. [4131](#) - *Staff Development*)

(cf. [4231](#) - *Staff Development*)

(cf. [4331](#) - *Staff Development*)

(cf. [9240](#) - *Board Training*)

13. The diversity of the student body and school staff enriches the learning experience, promotes cultural awareness and acceptance, and serves as a model for citizenship in a global society.
14. A common set of norms and protocols is crucial to effective governance.
15. Communication, trust, respect, collaboration, and teamwork strengthen the relationship among Board members and between the Board and Superintendent, and contribute to the effectiveness of the governance team.
16. The community and district are inextricably connected partners, wherein the community's engagement in issues that impact the schools enhances the district's programs and student learning.

(cf. [1000](#) - *Concepts and Roles*)

17. Two-way communication with all stakeholders is essential for establishing continuity, support, and shared goals both within the district and with the surrounding community.
18. The Board has a responsibility to advocate on behalf all students, keep current on legislative issues affecting education, and build positive relationships with local, state, and federal representatives.
19. A fiscally sound budget which is reflective of the district's vision is imperative to the financial stability of the district and to the attainment of its goals.

PHILOSOPHY (continued)

20. Responsibility for district programs and operations is shared by the entire educational community, with ultimate accountability resting with the Board as the basic embodiment of representative government.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51002 *Local development of programs based on stated philosophy and goals*

51019 *Definition of philosophy*

51100-51101 *Parental involvement*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

The School Board Role in Creating the Conditions for Student Achievement: A Review of the Research, May 2017

Governing to Achieve: A Synthesis of Research on School Governance to Support Student Achievement, August 7, 2014

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WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

National School Climate Center: <http://schoolclimate.org>

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GOALS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

As part of the Governing Board's responsibility to set direction for the school district, the Board shall adopt long-term goals focused on the achievement of all district students. The district's goals shall be aligned with the district's vision, mission, philosophy, and priorities.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

In developing goals and identifying strategies to achieve those goals, the Board and Superintendent shall solicit input and review from key stakeholders. The Board shall also review and consider quantitative and/or qualitative data, including data disaggregated by student subgroup and school site, to ensure that district goals are aligned with student needs.

Goals shall be established for all students and each numerically significant subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052, which may include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth and homeless students, and shall address each of the state priorities identified in Education Code 52060 and any additional local priorities established by the Board. These goals shall be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP). (Education Code 52060, 52062, 52063; 5 CCR 15497)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

The LCAP shall include a clear description of each goal, one or more of the state or local priorities addressed by the goal, any student subgroup(s) or school site(s) to which the goal is applicable, and expected progress toward meeting the goal for the term of the LCAP and in each year. (5 CCR 15497)

Each year the district's update to the LCAP shall review progress toward the goals and describe any changes to the goals. (Education Code 52060-52061)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

In addition to the goals identified in the LCAP, and consistent with those goals, the district and each school site may establish goals for inclusion in another district or school plan or for any other purpose. Such goals may address the improvement of governance, leadership, fiscal integrity, facilities, community involvement and collaboration, student wellness and other conditions of children, and/or any other areas of district or school operations. As appropriate, each goal shall include benchmarks or short-term objectives that can be used to determine progress toward meeting the goal.

GOALS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT (continued)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17002 State School Building Lease-Purchase Law, including definition of good repair
42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula
44258.9 County superintendent review of teacher assignment
51002 Local development of programs based on stated philosophy and goals
51020 Definition of goal
51021 Definition of objective
51041 Evaluation of the educational program
51210 Course of study for grades 1-6
51220 Course of study for grades 7-12
52050-52059 Public Schools Accountability Act, especially:
52052 Academic Performance Index; numerically significant student subgroups
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
60119 Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials; hearing and resolution
64000-64001 Consolidated application process

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15497 Local control and accountability plan template

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 Accountability, adequate yearly progress
6312 Local educational agency plan

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

State Priorities for Funding: The Need for Local Control and Accountability Plans, Fact Sheet, August 2013

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

The Board of Trustees believes that careful planning is essential to effective implementation of district programs and policies. Comprehensive plans shall identify cohesive strategies for school improvement, provide stability in district operations, and be aligned to ensure consistency among district approaches for student academic growth and achievement.

Comprehensive plans adopted by the district shall include the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) and other plans required by law or determined by the Board to be in the best interest of the district. Such plans may describe anticipated short- and long-term needs, measurable outcomes, priorities, activities, available resources, timelines, staff responsibilities, and strategies for internal and external communications regarding the plan.

- (cf. 0000 - Vision)*
- (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*
- (cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)*
- (cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)*
- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*
- (cf. 0500 - Accountability)*
- (cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*
- (cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 4141.6/4241.6 - Concerted Action/Work Stoppage)*
- (cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*
- (cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

The process for developing comprehensive plans shall include broad participation of school and community representatives. Committees may, and when required by law shall, be appointed to assist in the development of such plans. District comprehensive plans are subject to review and approval by the Board.

- (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*
- (cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)*
- (cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*
- (cf. 9130 - Board Committees)*

School-level plans may be developed to meet the unique circumstances of individual school sites, provided that they are consistent with law, Board policies, district administrative regulations, the district vision, the LCAP, and other districtwide plans. School plans shall be subject to review and approval of the Superintendent or designee, except when law or Board policy requires Board approval of the plan.

- (cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*

Comprehensive plans shall be available to the public, and shall be reviewed and updated at regular intervals as specified within the plan or required by law.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32289 *School safety plans*

35035 *Powers and duties of the superintendent*

35291 *Rules (power of governing board)*

39831.3 *Transportation safety plan*

52060-52077 *Local control and accountability plan*

56195-56195.10 *Comprehensive local plans for special education*

56205-56208 *Requirements for special education plan*

64001 *Single school plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

560 *Civil defense and disaster preparedness plans*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6312 *Local educational agency plan*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in district programs and activities. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from unlawful discrimination, including discrimination against an individual or group based on race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

- (cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*
- (cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*
- (cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*
- (cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)*
- (cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)*
- (cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)*
- (cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*
- (cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*
- (cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*
- (cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*
- (cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)*
- (cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*
- (cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)*
- (cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*
- (cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*
- (cf. 6200 - Adult Education)*

All individuals shall be treated equitably in the receipt of district and school services. Personally identifiable information collected in the implementation of any district program, including, but not limited to, student and family information for the free and reduced-price lunch program, transportation, or any other educational program, shall be used only for the purposes of the program, except when the Superintendent or designee authorizes its use for another purpose in accordance with law. Resources and data collected by the district shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status or any other category identified above.

- (cf. 3540 - Transportation)*
- (cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*
- (cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)*

District programs and activities shall be free of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually review district programs and activities to ensure the removal of any derogatory or discriminatory name, image, practice, or other

NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

barrier that may unlawfully prevent an individual or group in any of the protected categories stated above from accessing district programs and activities. He/she shall take prompt, reasonable actions to remove any identified barrier. The Superintendent or designee shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

(cf. 1330 - Use of Facilities)

All allegations of unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 34 CFR 106.9, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in the annual parental notification distributed pursuant to Education Code 48980 and, as applicable, in announcements, bulletins, catalogs, handbooks, application forms, or other materials distributed by the district. The notification shall also be posted on the district's web site and social media and in district schools and offices, including staff lounges, student government meeting rooms, and other prominent locations as appropriate.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

In addition, the annual parental notification shall inform parents/guardians of their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, including information on educational rights issued by the California Attorney General. Alternatively, such information may be provided through any other cost-effective means determined by the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 234.7)

The district's nondiscrimination policy and related informational materials shall be published in a format that parents/guardians can understand. In addition, when 15 percent or more of a school's students speak a single primary language other than English, those materials shall be translated into that other language.

Access for Individuals with Disabilities

District programs and facilities, viewed in their entirety, shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any implementing standards and/or regulations. When structural changes to existing district facilities are needed to provide individuals with

NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

disabilities access to programs, services, activities, or facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a transition plan that sets forth the steps for completing the changes.

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district provides appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to, qualified interpreters or readers, assistive listening devices, assistive technologies or other modifications to increase accessibility to district and school web sites, notetakers, written materials, taped text, and Braille or large-print materials. Individuals with disabilities shall notify the Superintendent or principal if they have a disability that requires special assistance or services. Reasonable notification should be given prior to a school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The individual identified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the employee responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state federal civil rights laws is hereby designated as the district's ADA coordinator. He/she shall receive and address requests for accommodation submitted by individuals with disabilities, and shall investigate and resolve complaints regarding their access to district programs, services, activities, or facilities.

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300 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917
530-868-1281

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
- 48980 Parental notifications
- 48985 Notices to parents in language other than English
- 51007 Legislative intent: state policy

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act
- 11000 Definitions
- 11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
- 12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
- 54953.2 Brown Act compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act

Legal Reference: continued on next page

NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Legal Reference: continued

PENAL CODE

422.55 *Definition of hate crime*

422.6 *Interference with constitutional right or privilege*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4670 *Uniform complaint procedures*

4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act*

1681-1688 *Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX*

2301-2415 *Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act*

6311 *State plans*

6312 *Local education agency plans*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 *Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964*

2000e-2000e-17 *Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended*

2000h-2000h-6 *Title IX*

12101-12213 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

36.303 *Auxiliary aids and services*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.1-100.13 *Nondiscrimination in federal programs, effectuating Title VI*

104.1-104.39 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

106.1-106.61 *Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX, especially:*

106.9 *Dissemination of policy*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Sex Discrimination, July 2016

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING PUBLICATIONS

California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students, May 2016

Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, April 2015

Dear Colleague Letter, May 26, 2011

Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010

Notice of Non-Discrimination, Fact Sheet, August 2010

Dear Colleague Letter: Electronic Book Readers, June 29, 2010

Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices in Education, August 1991

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, September 2010

Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities, June 2003

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Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, December 2008

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CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>

Safe Schools Coalition: <http://www.casafeschools.org>

Pacific ADA Center: <http://www.adapacific.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Americans with Disabilities Act:

<http://www.ada.gov>

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

World Wide Web Consortium, Web Accessibility Initiative: <http://www.w3.org/wai>

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

EQUITY

The Board of Trustees believes that the diversity that exists among the district's community of students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members is integral to the district's vision, mission, and goals. Addressing the needs of the most marginalized learners requires recognition of the inherent value of diversity and acknowledgement that educational excellence requires a commitment to equity in the opportunities provided to students and the resulting outcomes.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

In order to eradicate institutional bias of any kind, including implicit or unintentional biases and prejudices that affect student achievement, and to eliminate disparities in educational outcomes for students from historically underserved and underrepresented populations, the district shall proactively identify class and cultural biases as well as practices, policies, and institutional barriers that negatively influence student learning, perpetuate achievement gaps, and impede equal access to opportunities for all students.

The Board shall make decisions with a deliberate awareness of impediments to learning faced by students of color and/or diverse cultural, linguistic, or socio-economic backgrounds. To ensure that equity is the intentional result of district decisions, the Board shall consider whether its decisions address the needs of students from racial, ethnic, and indigent communities and remedy the inequities that such communities experienced in the context of a history of exclusion, discrimination, and segregation. Board decisions shall not rely on biased or stereotypical assumptions about any particular group of students.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)
(cf. 9310 - Board Policies)

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement policies and strategies to promote equity in district programs and activities, through measures such as the following:

1. Routinely assessing student needs based on data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and socio-economic and cultural backgrounds in order to enable equity-focused policy, planning, and resource development decisions

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

EQUITY (continued)

2. Analyzing expenditures and allocating financial and human resources in a manner that provides all students with equitable access to district programs, support services, and opportunities for success and promotes equity and inclusion in the district. Such resources include access to high-quality administrators, teachers, and other school personnel; funding; technology, equipment, textbooks, and other instructional materials; facilities; and community resources or partnerships.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

3. Enabling and encouraging students to enroll in, participate in, and complete curricular and extracurricular courses, advanced college preparation programs, and other student activities

(cf. 6141.4 - International Baccalaureate Program)

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)

4. Building a positive school climate that promotes student engagement, safety, and academic and other supports for students

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

5. Adopting curriculum and instructional materials that accurately reflect the diversity among student groups

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

6. Providing and/or collaborating with local agencies and community groups to ensure the availability of necessary support services for students in need

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

7. Promoting the employment and retention of a diverse staff that reflects the student demographics of the community

8. Providing district staff with ongoing, researched-based, professional learning and professional development on culturally responsive instructional practices

EQUITY (continued)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

9. Conducting program evaluations that focus on equity and address the academic outcomes and performance of all students on all indicators

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

The Board shall regularly monitor the intent and impact of district policies and decisions in order to safeguard against disproportionate or unintentional impact on access to district programs and achievement goals for specific student populations in need of services.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Educational equity

52077 Local control and accountability plan

60040 Selection of instructional materials

GOVERNMENT CODE

11000 Definitions

11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

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1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

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The Board of Trustees believes that comprehensive planning that is aligned with the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) is necessary at each school, in order to focus school improvement efforts on student academic achievement and facilitate the effective use of available resources. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school plans provide clear direction and identify cohesive strategies aligned with school and district goals.

(cf. [0000](#) - Vision)

(cf. [0200](#) - Goals for the School District)

(cf. [0400](#) - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. [0460](#) - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

Each district school shall establish a school site council in accordance with Education Code [52852](#) and the accompanying administrative regulation to develop, review, and approve school plans.

For any school that participates in specified state and/or federal categorical programs, the school site council or other schoolwide advisory committee shall consolidate the plans required for those categorical programs into a single plan for student achievement (SPSA). (Education Code [64001](#))

(cf. [0520.2](#) - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. [1431](#) - Waivers)

(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

(cf. [6171](#) - Title I Programs)

(cf. [6174](#) - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. [6190](#) - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

As appropriate, a school may incorporate any other school program into the SPSA. (Education Code [64001](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall review each school's SPSA to ensure that it meets the content requirements for all programs included, is based on an analysis of current practices and student academic performance, and reasonably links improvement strategies to identified needs of the school and its students. He/she shall also ensure that specific actions included in the district's LCAP are consistent with the strategies identified in each school's SPSA.

The Board shall, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, review and approve each school's SPSA and any subsequent material revisions affecting the academic programs for students participating in the categorical programs addressed in the SPSA. The Board shall certify that, to the extent allowable under federal law, the SPSA is consistent with district local improvement plans required as a condition of receiving federal funding. (Education Code [64001](#))

Whenever the Board does not approve a school's SPSA, it shall communicate its specific reasons for disapproval of the plan to the school site council or committee. The school site

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council or committee shall then revise and resubmit the SPSA to the Board for its approval.
(Education Code [52855](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school administrators and school site council members receive training on the roles and responsibilities of the site council.

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS

School Site Councils

Each school shall have a school site council composed of the following: (Education Code 52852)

1. The principal
2. Teachers selected by the school's teachers
3. Other school personnel selected by the school's other personnel
4. Parent/guardian representatives, who may include parents/guardians of students attending the school and/or community members, selected by parents/guardians of students attending the school
5. If the school is a secondary school, students attending the school selected by other such students

Half of the school site council membership shall consist of school staff, the majority of whom shall be classroom teachers. For an elementary school site council, the remaining half shall be parent/guardian representatives. For a secondary school site council, the remaining half shall be equal numbers of parent/guardian representatives and students. (Education Code 52852)

A district employee may serve as a parent/guardian representative on the school site council of the school his/her child attends, provided the employee does not work at that school. (Education Code 52852)

The bylaws of each school site council shall include the method of selecting members and officers, terms of office, responsibilities of council members, time commitment, and a policy of nondiscrimination.

School site councils may function on behalf of other committees in accordance with law. (Education Code 52176, 54425; 5 CCR 3932)

School site councils shall operate in accordance with procedural meeting requirements established in Education Code 35147.

(*cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees*)

Single Plan for Student Achievement

Any district school that shall participate in any state or federal categorical program specified in Education Code 64000 on an ongoing basis shall have a school site council which shall

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approve and annually review and update a single plan for student achievement (SPSA). If the school does not have a school site council, these responsibilities shall be fulfilled by a schoolwide advisory group or school support group conforming to the composition requirements of the school site council listed in the section "School Site Councils" above. (Education Code 64001)

(cf. 1431 - Waivers)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

The SPSA shall be developed with the review, advice, and certification of any applicable school advisory committees. (Education Code 64001)

Such groups may include, but are not limited to, a parent advisory committee established to review and comment on the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP); advisory committees established for English learner and special education programs; Western Association of Schools and Colleges leadership teams; district or school liaison teams for schools identified for program improvement; and other committees established by the school or district.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

The SPSA shall be aligned with the district's LCAP and school goals for improving student achievement. School goals shall be based on an analysis of verifiable state data identified pursuant to law, and may consider any other data developed by the district to measure student achievement. (Education Code 52062, 64001)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

The SPSA shall, at a minimum: (Education Code 64001)

1. Address how funds provided to the school through specified categorical programs will be used to improve the academic performance of all students to the level of the performance goals established by law
2. Identify the means of evaluating the school's progress toward accomplishing those goals

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3. Identify how state and federal law governing the categorical programs will be implemented

In addition to meeting the requirements common to all applicable school plans, the SPSA shall address any content required by law for each individual categorical program in which the school participates.

In developing or revising the SPSA, the school site council or other schoolwide advisory group or school support group shall:

1. Analyze student achievement data. Using measures of student academic performance, the school shall identify significant patterns of low performance in particular content areas, student groups, and/or individual students and determine which data summaries to include in the plan as most informative and relevant to school goals.
2. Assess the effectiveness of the school's instructional program in relation to the analysis of student data.
3. Identify a limited number of achievement goals and key improvement strategies to achieve the goals. School goals shall reflect the needs identified at the school site while aligning with goals identified in federally required district plans. The school shall specify the student group(s) on which each goal is focused, the methods or practices that will be used to reach the goal, and the criteria that will be used to determine if the goal is achieved.
4. Define timelines, personnel responsible, proposed expenditures, and funding sources to implement the SPSA.

The school site council or other schoolwide group shall approve the proposed SPSA at a meeting for which public notice has been posted and then submit the SPSA to the Governing Board for approval. (Education Code 35147, 64001)

The school site council or other schoolwide group shall regularly monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the SPSA and modify any activities that prove ineffective. At least once per year, the principal or designee shall evaluate results of improvement efforts and report to the Board, school site council, advisory committees, and other interested parties regarding progress toward school goals.

The school site council or other schoolwide group may amend the SPSA at any time. Any revisions that would substantively change the academic programs funded through the consolidated application shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

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CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that charter schools may assist the district in offering diverse learning opportunities for students. In considering any petition to establish a charter school within the district, the Board shall give thoughtful consideration to the potential of the charter school to provide students with a high-quality education that enables them to achieve to their fullest potential.

One or more persons may submit a petition for a start-up charter school to be established within the district. In addition, an existing district school may be converted to a charter school when deemed beneficial by the district and community. (Education Code 47605, 47606, 53300)

The district shall not require any district student to attend the charter school nor shall it require any district employee to work at the charter school. (Education Code 47605)

Any petition for a start-up charter school or conversion charter school shall include all components and signatures required by law and shall be submitted to the Board. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with legal counsel, as appropriate, regarding compliance of the charter proposals with legal requirements.

The Superintendent or designee may work with charter school petitioners prior to the formal submission of the petition in order to ensure compliance of the petition with legal requirements. As needed, he/she also may meet with the petitioners to establish workable plans for technical assistance or contracted services which the district may provide to the proposed charter school.

Within 30 days of receiving a petition to establish a charter school, the Board shall hold a public hearing to determine the level of support for the petition by teachers, other employees of the district, and parents/guardians. (Education Code 47605)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

Within 60 days of receiving a petition, or within 90 days with mutual consent of the petitioners and the Board, the Board shall either approve or deny the request to establish the charter school. (Education Code 47605)

The approval or denial of a charter petition shall not be controlled by collective bargaining agreements nor subject to review or regulation by the Public Employment Relations Board. (Education Code 47611.5)

Approval of Petition

The Board shall approve the charter petition if doing so is consistent with sound educational practice. In granting charters, the Board shall give preference to schools best able to provide

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comprehensive learning experiences for academically low-achieving students according to standards established by the California Department of Education (CDE) under Education Code 54032. (Education Code 47605)

The Board may initially grant a charter for a specified term not to exceed five years. (Education Code 47607)

(cf. 0420.42 - Charter School Renewal)
(cf. 0420.43 - Charter School Revocation)

The Board shall ensure that any approved charter contains adequate processes and measures for holding the school accountable for fulfilling the terms of its charter. These shall include, but are not limited to, fiscal accountability systems, multiple measures for evaluating the educational program, including student outcomes aligned with state priorities as described in Education Code 52060, and regular reports to the Board.

(cf. 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight)

The Board may approve one or more memoranda of understanding to clarify the financial and operational agreements between the district and the charter school. Any such memorandum of understanding shall be annually reviewed by the Board and charter school governing body and amended as necessary.

It shall be the responsibility of the petitioners to provide written notice of the Board's approval and a copy of the charter to the County Superintendent of Schools, the CDE, and the State Board of Education (SBE). (Education Code 47605)

Denial of Petition

The Board shall deny any petition to authorize the conversion of a private school to a charter school. The Board shall also deny any petition for a charter that proposes to serve students in a grade level that is not served by the district, unless the petition proposes to serve students in all the grade levels served by the district. (Education Code 47602, 47605)

Any other charter petition shall be denied only if the Board makes written factual findings specific to the petition that one or more of the following conditions exist: (Education Code 47605)

1. The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the students to be enrolled in the charter school.
2. The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
3. The petition does not contain the number of signatures required.

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4. The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in Education Code 47605(d).
5. The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the charter provisions in Education Code 47605(b).
6. The petition does not contain a declaration as to whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public school employer of the school's employees for purposes of collective bargaining pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3.

The Board shall not deny a petition based on the actual or potential costs of serving students with disabilities, nor shall it deny a petition solely because the charter school might enroll students with disabilities who reside outside the special education local plan area in which the district participates. (Education Code 47605.7, 47647)

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)

If the Board denies a petition, the petitioners may choose to submit the petition to the County Board of Education and, if then denied by the County Board, to the SBE. (Education Code 47605)

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION

Petition Signatures

A petition for the establishment of a start-up charter school must be signed by either of the following: (Education Code 47605)

1. A number of parents/guardians equivalent to at least one-half of the number of students that the charter school estimates will enroll in the school for its first year of operation
2. A number of teachers equivalent to at least one-half of the total number of teachers that the charter school estimates will be employed at the school during its first year of operation

If the charter petition calls for an existing public school to be converted to a charter school, the petition must be signed by at least 50 percent of the permanent status teachers currently employed at the school. (Education Code 47605)

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

In circulating a petition, the petitioners shall include a prominent statement explaining that a parent/guardian's signature means that the parent/guardian is meaningfully interested in having his/her child attend the charter school or, in the case of a teacher's signature, that the teacher is meaningfully interested in teaching at the charter school. The proposed charter shall be attached to the petition. (Education Code 47605)

Advisory Committee

At his/her discretion, the Superintendent or designee may establish a staff advisory committee to evaluate the completeness of a charter petition based on the requirements in Education Code 47605 and to identify any concerns that should be addressed by the petitioners.

(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)

Components of Charter Petition

The charter petition shall include affirmations that the charter school will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and operations; not charge tuition; and not discriminate against a student on the basis of characteristics listed in Education Code 220. It shall also contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of: (Education Code 47605, 47611.5)

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1. The educational program of the proposed school, designed, among other things, to identify those whom the school is attempting to educate, what it means to be an "educated person" in the 21st century, and how learning best occurs. The goals identified in that program shall include the objective of enabling students to become self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners.

The petition shall include a description of annual goals for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup of students identified pursuant to Education Code 52052, including ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students. These goals shall be aligned with the state priorities listed in Education Code 52060 that apply to the grade levels served or the nature of the program operated by the charter school. The petition also shall describe specific annual actions to achieve those goals. The petition may identify additional priorities established for the proposed school, goals aligned with those priorities, and specific annual actions to achieve those goals.

(cf. 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

If the proposed school will serve high school students, the petition shall describe the manner in which the school will inform parents/guardians about the transferability of courses to other public high schools and the eligibility of courses to meet college entrance requirements. Courses offered by the charter school that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges may be considered transferable, and courses approved by the University of California or the California State University as creditable under the "a-g" admissions criteria may be considered to meet college entrance requirements.

2. The measurable student outcomes identified for use by the charter school. Student outcomes means the extent to which all students of the school demonstrate that they have attained the skills, knowledge, and attitudes specified as goals in the school's educational program, including outcomes that address increases in student academic achievement both schoolwide and for each numerically significant subgroup of students served by the charter school. The student outcomes shall align with the state priorities identified in Education Code 52060 that apply for the grade levels served or the nature of the program operated by the charter school.
3. The method by which student progress in meeting the identified student outcomes is to be measured. To the extent practicable, the method for measuring student outcomes for state priorities shall be consistent with the way information is reported on a school accountability report card.

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

4. The governance structure of the school, including, but not limited to, the process to be followed by the school to ensure parent/guardian involvement.

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5. The qualifications to be met by individuals to be employed by the school.
6. The procedures that the school will follow to ensure the health and safety of students and staff, including the requirement that each school employee furnish the school with a criminal record summary as described in Education Code 44237.
7. The means by which the school will achieve a racial and ethnic balance among its students that is reflective of the general population residing within the district's territorial jurisdiction.
8. The charter school's student admission policy. The petition shall, in accordance with Education Code 47605(d), specify procedures for determining enrollment when the number of applicants exceed the school's capacity, including requirements for the use of a public random drawing, admission preferences, and priority order of preferences as required by law and subject to Board approval.
9. The manner in which annual, independent financial audits shall be conducted, which shall employ generally accepted accounting principles, and the manner in which audit exceptions and deficiencies shall be resolved to the Board's satisfaction.
10. The procedures by which students can be suspended or expelled for disciplinary reasons or otherwise involuntarily removed for any reason, including an explanation of how the charter school will comply with federal and state constitutional procedural and substantive due process requirements as specified in Education Code 47605(b). Such procedures shall also include processes by which the charter school will notify the superintendent of a district and request to be notified by a district about a student when the circumstances specified in Education Code 47605(d) exist.
11. The manner by which staff members of the charter school will be covered by the State Teachers' Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or federal social security.
12. The public school attendance alternatives for students residing within the district who choose to not attend the charter school.
13. A description of the rights of any district employee upon leaving district employment to work in the charter school and of any rights of return to the district after employment at the charter school.
14. The procedures to be followed by the charter school and the Board to resolve disputes relating to charter provisions.
15. A declaration as to whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public school employer of the school's employees for purposes of collective bargaining under Government Code 3540-3549.3.

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16. The procedures to be used if the charter school closes, including, but not limited to: (5 CCR 11962)
 - a. Designation of a responsible entity to conduct closure-related activities
 - b. Notification to parents/guardians, the Board, the county office of education, the special education local plan area in which the school participates, the retirement systems in which the school's employees participate, and the California Department of Education, providing at least the following information:
 - (1) The effective date of the closure
 - (2) The name(s) and contact information of the person(s) to whom reasonable inquiries may be made regarding the closure
 - (3) The students' districts of residence
 - (4) The manner in which parents/guardians may obtain copies of student records, including specific information on completed courses and credits that meet graduation requirements
 - c. Provision of a list of students at each grade level, the classes they have completed, and their districts of residence to the responsible entity designated in accordance with item #16a above
 - d. Transfer and maintenance of all student records, all state assessment results, and any special education records to the custody of the responsible entity designated in accordance with item #16a above, except for records and/or assessment results that the charter may require to be transferred to a different entity
 - e. Transfer and maintenance of personnel records in accordance with applicable law
 - f. Completion of an independent final audit within six months after the closure of the school that includes an accounting of all financial assets and liabilities pursuant to 5 CCR 11962 and an assessment of the disposition of any restricted funds received by or due to the school
 - g. Disposal of any net assets remaining after all liabilities of the school have been paid or otherwise addressed pursuant to 5 CCR 11962
 - h. Completion and filing of any annual reports required pursuant to Education Code 47604.33

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION (continued)

- i. Identification of funding for the activities identified in item #16a-h above

Charter school petitioners shall provide information to the Board regarding the proposed operation and potential effects of the school, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 47605)

1. The facilities to be used by the school, including where the school intends to locate

(cf. 7160 - Charter School Facilities)

2. The manner in which administrative services of the school are to be provided
3. Potential civil liability effects, if any, upon the school and district
4. Financial statements that include a proposed first-year operational budget, including start-up costs and cash-flow and financial projections for the first three years of operation

Location of Charter School

Unless otherwise exempted by law, the charter petition shall identify a single charter school that will operate within the geographic boundaries of the district. A charter school may propose to operate at multiple sites within the district as long as each location is identified in the petition. (Education Code 47605, 47605.1)

A charter school that is unable to locate within the district's jurisdictional boundaries may establish one site outside district boundaries but within the county, provided that: (Education Code 47605, 47605.1)

1. The district is notified prior to approval of the petition.
2. The County Superintendent of Schools and Superintendent of Public Instruction are notified before the charter school begins operations.
3. The charter school has attempted to locate a single site or facility to house the entire program but such a facility or site is unavailable in the area in which the school chooses to locate, or the site is needed for temporary use during a construction or expansion project.

A charter school may establish and locate a resource center, meeting space, or other satellite facility in an adjacent county if both of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 47605.1)

1. The facility is used exclusively for the educational support of students who are enrolled in nonclassroom-based independent study of the charter school.

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2. The charter school provides its primary educational services in, and a majority of the students it serves are residents of, the county in which the school is authorized.

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

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CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT

The Board of Trustees recognizes its ongoing responsibility to oversee that any charter school the Board has authorized is successfully fulfilling the terms of its charter and is providing a high-quality educational program for students enrolled in the charter school.

(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

The Superintendent or designee shall identify at least one staff member to serve as a contact person for each charter school authorized by the Board. (Education Code 47604.32)

The Board and Superintendent or designee may inspect or observe any part of the charter school at any time. The Superintendent or designee shall visit each charter school at least annually. (Education Code 47604.32, 47607)

The Superintendent or designee shall attend meetings of the charter school board whenever possible and shall periodically meet with a representative of the charter school.

Waivers

If the charter school wishes to request a general waiver of any state law or regulation applicable to it, it shall request that the district submit a general waiver request to the State Board of Education (SBE) on its behalf. Upon approval of the Board, the Superintendent or designee shall submit such a waiver request to the SBE on behalf of the charter school.

(cf. 1431 - Waivers)

Provision of District Services

The charter school may purchase administrative or other services from the district or any other source. (Education Code 47613)

Whenever the district agrees to provide administrative or support services, the district and charter school shall develop a memorandum of understanding which clarifies the financial and operational agreements between the district and charter school.

At the request of a charter school, the Superintendent or designee shall create and submit any reports required by the State Teachers' Retirement System or Public Employees' Retirement System on behalf of the charter school. The district may charge the charter school for the actual costs of the reporting services, but shall not require the charter school to purchase payroll processing services from the district as a condition for creating and submitting these reports. (Education Code 47611.3)

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Material Revisions to Charter

Material revisions to a charter may only be made with Board approval. Material revisions shall be governed by the same standards and criteria that apply to new charter petitions as set forth in Education Code 47605 and shall include, but not be limited to, a reasonably comprehensive description of any new requirement for charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed. (Education Code 47607)

If an approved charter school proposes to establish or move operations to one or more additional sites, the charter school shall request a material revision to its charter and shall notify the Board of those additional locations. The Board shall consider approval of the additional locations at an open meeting. (Education Code 47605)

The Board shall have the authority to determine whether a proposed change in charter school operations constitutes a material revision of the approved charter.

Monitoring Charter School Performance

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor the charter school to determine whether it complies with all legal requirements applicable to charter schools, including making all reports required of charter schools in accordance with Education Code 47604.32. Any violations of law shall be reported to the Board.

The Board shall monitor each charter school to determine whether it is achieving, both schoolwide and for all groups of students served by the school, the measurable student outcomes set forth in the charter. This determination shall be based on the measures specified in the approved charter and on the charter school's annual review and assessment of its progress toward the goals and actions identified in its local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

The Board shall monitor the fiscal condition of the charter school based on any financial information obtained from the charter school, including, but not limited to, the charter school's preliminary budget, annual update of the school's LCAP, first and second interim financial reports, and final unaudited report for the full prior year. (Education Code 47604.32, 47604.33, 47606.5)

The district may charge up to one percent of a charter school's revenue for the actual costs of supervisory oversight of the school. However, if the district is able to provide substantially rent-free facilities to the charter school, the district may charge up to three percent of the charter school's revenue for actual costs of supervisory oversight or, if the facility is provided under Education Code 47614, the pro-rata share facilities costs calculated pursuant to 5 CCR 11969.7. If the district charges the pro-rata share, it may also charge one percent of the charter school's revenue in oversight fees. (Education Code 47613)

CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (Continued)

(cf. 7160 - Charter School Facilities)

Technical Assistance/Intervention

If, in three out of four consecutive school years, a charter school fails to improve outcomes for three or more student subgroups identified in Education Code 52052, or for all of the student subgroups if the school has fewer than three, in regard to one or more state or school priorities identified in the charter, the district: (Education Code 47607.3)

1. Shall provide technical assistance to the charter school using an evaluation rubric adopted by the SBE pursuant to Education Code 52064.5
2. May request that the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), with SBE approval, assign the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to provide advice and assistance to the charter school pursuant to Education Code 52074

If a charter school receiving federal Title I funding has been identified for program improvement, it shall implement improvement strategies in accordance with its existing school improvement plan.

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

In accordance with law, the Board may deny a charter school's renewal petition or may revoke a charter based on the charter school's poor performance, especially with regard to the academic achievement of all numerically significant subgroups of students served by the charter school.

(cf. 0420.42 - Charter School Renewal)

(cf. 0420.43 - Charter School Revocation)

Complaints

Each charter school shall establish and maintain policies and procedures to enable any person to file a complaint, in accordance with the uniform complaint procedures as specified in 5 CCR 4600-4687, alleging the school's noncompliance with Education Code 47606.5 or 47607.3. (Education Code 52075)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

A complainant who is not satisfied with the decision may appeal the decision to the SPI. (Education Code 52075)

If the charter school finds merit in the complaint or the SPI finds merit in an appeal, a remedy shall be provided to all affected students and parents/guardians. (Education Code 52075)

CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (Continued)

School Closure

In the event that the Board revokes or denies renewal of a charter or the school ceases operation for any reason, the Superintendent or designee shall, when applicable in accordance with the charter and/or a memorandum of understanding, provide assistance to facilitate the transfer of the charter school's former students and to finalize financial reporting and close-out.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide notification to the California Department of Education, within 10 calendar days of the Board's action, if renewal of the charter is denied, the charter is revoked, or the charter school will cease operation for any reason.

Such notification shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the circumstances of the closure, the effective date of the closure, and the location of student and personnel records. (Education Code 47604.32; 5 CCR 11962.1)

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42100 *Annual statement of receipts and expenditures*

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44237 *Criminal record summary*

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44830.1 *Certificated employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony*

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47634.2 *Nonclassroom-based instruction*

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48000 *Minimum age of admission for kindergarten; transitional kindergarten*

48010-48011 *Minimum age of admission (first grade)*

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1192.7 Definition of serious felony
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Exhibit

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

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REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools shall be subject to the terms of their charters, any memorandum of understanding with their chartering authority, and other legal requirements that are expressly applicable to charter schools, including, but not limited to, requirements that each charter school:

1. Be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations (Education Code [47605](#))
2. Not discriminate against any student on the basis of the characteristics listed in Education Code [220](#) (Education Code [47605](#))
3. Not charge tuition (Education Code [47605](#))
4. Not charge student fees for any activity that is an integral component of the educational program, except as authorized by those Education Code provisions that explicitly apply to charter schools
5. Adhere to all laws establishing the minimum age for public school attendance (Education Code [47610](#))
6. Serve students who are California residents and who, if over 19 years of age, are continuously enrolled in a public school and making "satisfactory progress" toward a high school diploma as defined in 5 CCR [11965](#) (Education Code [47612](#))
7. Serve students with disabilities in the same manner as such students are served in other public schools (Education Code [47646](#), [56145](#))
8. Admit all students who wish to attend the school, according to the following criteria and procedures:
 - a. Admission to the charter school shall not be determined according to the student's place of residence, or that of his/her parents/guardians, within the state, except that any existing public school converting partially or entirely to a charter school shall adopt and maintain a policy giving admission preference to students who reside within the school's former attendance area. (Education Code [47605](#))

If a charter school will be physically located in a public elementary school attendance area in which 50 percent or more of the student enrollment is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, it may also establish an admission preference for students who are currently enrolled in the public elementary school and for students who reside in the public school attendance area. (Education Code [47605.3](#))

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- b. If the number of students who wish to attend the charter school exceeds the school's capacity, attendance, except for existing students of the charter school, shall be determined by a public random drawing. Preference shall be extended to students currently attending the charter school and students who reside in the district, except as provided for in Education Code [47614.5](#). (Education Code [47605](#))
 - c. Other admission preferences may be permitted by the chartering district on an individual school basis consistent with law. (Education Code [47605](#))
9. Immediately enroll a homeless student, except where such enrollment would conflict with Education Code [47605](#)(d) (Education Code [48850](#); 42 USC [11431-11435](#))
10. Comply with the requirements of Education Code [48850-48859](#) regarding the enrollment and placement of foster youth (Education Code [48853.5](#), [48859](#))
11. If the school offers a kindergarten program: (Education Code [48000](#))
 - a. Offer a transitional kindergarten (TK) program to students whose fifth birthday is from September 2 through December 2
 - b. Ensure that any credentialed teacher first assigned to teach a TK class after July 1, 2015 meets the qualifications specified in Education Code [48000](#) by August 1, 2020
12. Require its teachers to hold a certificate, permit, or other document issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) equivalent to that which a teacher in other public schools would be required to hold (Education Code [47605](#))
13. Provide annual training on child abuse and neglect reporting requirements to employees and persons working on the school's behalf who are mandated reporters, within the first six weeks of each school year or within six weeks of employment (Education Code [44691](#))
14. Not hire any person who has been convicted of a violent or serious felony except as otherwise provided by law, and, if the school contracts with an entity for specified services, verify that any employee of that entity who will have contact with students has had a criminal background check (Education Code [44830.1](#), [45122.1](#), [45125.1](#))
15. Report to the CTC any change in a certificated employee's employment status (dismissal, nonreelection, resignation, suspension, unpaid administrative leave for more than 10 days, retirement, or other decision not to employ or reemploy) as a result of an allegation of misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending (Education Code [44030.5](#))

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16. Meet the requirements of Education Code [47611](#) regarding the State Teachers' Retirement System (Education Code [47610](#))
17. Meet the requirements of Government Code [3540-3549.3](#) related to collective bargaining in public education employment (Education Code [47611.5](#))
18. If the school serves students in grades 7-12, adopt a policy on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention with specified components (Education Code [215](#))
19. If the school serves students in grade 9, adopt a fair, objective, and transparent mathematics placement policy with specified components (Education Code [51224.7](#))
20. Meet all statewide standards and conduct any statewide assessments applicable to noncharter public schools (Education Code [47605](#), [47612.5](#), [60605](#), [60850-60859](#))
21. Until July 31, 2018, grant a high school diploma to any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 school year or a subsequent school year and who has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination (Education Code [60851.6](#))
22. Offer at least the number of instructional minutes required by law for the grade levels provided by the charter school (Education Code [47612.5](#))
23. If the school provides independent study, meet the requirements of Education Code [51745-51749.3](#), except that the school may be allowed to offer courses required for graduation solely through independent study as an exception to Education Code [51745](#)(e) (Education Code [47612.5](#), [51747.3](#); 5 CCR [11705](#))
24. Identify and report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) any portion of its average daily attendance that is generated through nonclassroom-based instruction, including, but not limited to, independent study, home study, work study, and distance and computer-based education (Education Code [47612.5](#), [47634.2](#); 5 CCR [11963.2](#))
25. If the school offers competitive athletics, annually post on the school's web site or on the web site of the charter operator the total enrollment of the school classified by gender, the number of students who participate in competitive athletics classified by gender, and the number of boys' and girls' teams classified by sport and by competition level (Education Code [221.9](#))
26. If the school offers an athletic program, annually provide information sheets about concussions/head injuries and sudden cardiac arrest to athletes and their parents/guardians, which must be signed and returned to the school before the athlete

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- initiates practice or competition. In the event that an athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury, passes out, or faints during or immediately after participation in an athletic activity, he/she shall be immediately removed from the activity for the remainder of the day and shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he/she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider and receives written clearance to do so. (Education Code [33479-33479.5](#), [49475](#))
27. On a regular basis, consult with parents/guardians and teachers regarding the school's educational programs (Education Code [47605](#))
 28. Provide students the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards; the distribution of printed materials or petitions; the wearing of buttons, badges, and other insignia; and the right of expression in official publications (Education Code [48907](#), [48950](#))
 29. Maintain written contemporaneous records that document all student attendance and make these records available for audit and inspection (Education Code [47612.5](#))
 30. If a student subject to compulsory full-time education is expelled or leaves the charter school without graduating or completing the school year for any reason, notify the Superintendent of the school district of the student's last known address within 30 days and, upon request, provide that district with a copy of the student's cumulative record, including a transcript of grades or report card, and health information (Education Code [47605](#))
 31. If the school serves high school students, submit to the Student Aid Commission, for use in the Cal Grant program, the grade point average (GPA) of all students in grade 12 and verification of high school graduation or its equivalent for students who graduated in the prior academic year.

However, such information shall not be submitted when students opt out or are permitted by the rules of the Student Aid Commission to provide test scores in lieu of the GPA. (Education Code [69432.9](#), [69432.92](#))
 32. Develop a transportation safety plan that includes procedures to ensure that a student is not left unattended on a school bus, student activity bus, youth bus, or child care motor vehicle and procedures and standards for designating an adult chaperone, other than the driver, to accompany students on a school activity bus (Education Code [39831.3](#))
 33. Comply with the California Building Standards Code as adopted and enforced by the local building enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area in which the charter school is located, unless the charter school facility meets either of the following conditions: (Education Code [47610](#), [47610.5](#))

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- a. The facility complies with the Field Act pursuant to Education Code [17280-17317](#) and [17365-17374](#).
 - b. The facility is exclusively owned or controlled by an entity that is not subject to the California Building Standards Code, including, but not limited to, the federal government.
34. Provide reasonable accommodations on campus to a lactating student to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child, or address other needs related to breastfeeding (Education Code [222](#))
35. Ensure the availability and proper use of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors by: (Education Code [49414](#))
- a. Providing school nurses or other voluntary, trained personnel with at least one regular and one junior device for elementary schools and, for secondary schools, one regular device if there are no students who require a junior device
 - b. Distributing a notice at least once per school year to all staff requesting volunteers and describing the training that volunteers will receive
 - c. Providing defense and indemnification to volunteers for any and all civil liability from such administration
36. If the school chooses to make an opioid antagonist available to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose, comply with the requirements of Education Code [49414.3](#), including, but not limited to, providing training to personnel who volunteer to administer the opioid antagonist
37. Promptly respond to all reasonable inquiries from the district, the county office of education, or the SPI, including, but not limited to, inquiries regarding the school's financial records (Education Code [47604.3](#))
38. Annually prepare and submit financial reports to the district Governing Board and the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the following reporting cycle:
- a. By July 1, a preliminary budget for the current fiscal year. For a charter school in its first year of operation, financial statements submitted with the charter petition pursuant to Education Code [47605\(g\)](#) will satisfy this requirement. (Education Code [47604.33](#))
 - b. By July 1 each year, an update of the school's goals and the actions to achieve those goals as identified in the charter, developed using the local control and accountability plan template adopted by the State Board of Education. This

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report shall include a review of the progress toward the goals, an assessment of the effectiveness of the specific actions toward achieving the goals, a description of changes the school will make to the specific actions as a result of the review and assessment, and a listing and description of expenditures for the fiscal year implementing the specific actions. (Education Code [47604.33](#), [47606.5](#), [52064](#))

When conducting this review, the governing body of the school may consider qualitative information including, but not limited to, findings that result from any school quality reviews conducted pursuant to Education Code [52052](#) or any other reviews. To the extent practicable, data shall be reported in a manner consistent with how information is reported on a school accountability report card. The update shall be developed in consultation with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, parents/guardians and students. (Education Code [47606.5](#))

- c. By December 15, an interim financial report for the current fiscal year reflecting changes through October 31. (Education Code [47604.33](#))
 - d. By March 15, a second interim financial report for the current fiscal year reflecting changes through January 31. (Education Code [47604.33](#))
 - e. By September 15, a final unaudited report for the full prior year. The report submitted to the Board shall include an annual statement of all the charter school's receipts and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. (Education Code [42100](#), [47604.33](#))
 - f. By December 15, a copy of the charter school's annual, independent financial audit report for the preceding fiscal year, unless the charter school's audit is encompassed in the district's audit. The audit report shall also be submitted to the State Controller and the California Department of Education. (Education Code [47605](#))
39. Post specified information related to the prohibition against discrimination under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in a prominent and conspicuous location on the school web site or on the web site of the charter operator (Education Code [221.61](#))
40. If a direct-funded charter school, adopt and implement uniform complaint procedures to resolve complaints of unlawful discrimination or alleged violation of a state or federal law or regulation governing educational programs, in accordance with 5 CCR [4600-4670](#) (5 CCR [4600](#))
41. Annually adopt a school accountability report card (Education Code [47612](#); California Constitution, Article 16, Section 8.5)

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In addition, charter schools shall comply with the state and federal constitutions, applicable federal laws, and state laws that apply to governmental agencies in general, such as the Brown Act requirements in Government Code [54950-54963](#) and the conflict of interest laws in Government Code [1090-1099](#) and [87100-91014](#).

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CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL

The Governing Board believes that the ongoing operation of a charter school established within the district should be dependent on the school's effectiveness in achieving its mission and goals for student learning and other student outcomes. Whenever a charter school submits a petition for renewal of its charter, the Board shall review the petition thoroughly and in a timely manner.

(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)

(cf. 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight)

(cf. 0420.43 - Charter School Revocation)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Each renewal granted by the Board shall be for a period of five years. (Education Code 47607)

Submission of Renewal Petition

A charter school seeking renewal of its charter is encouraged to submit its petition for renewal to the Board sufficiently early before the term of the charter is due to expire.

The signature requirement applicable to new charter petitions is not applicable to petitions for renewal. (5 CCR 11966.4)

The petition for renewal shall include a reasonably comprehensive description of how the charter school has met all new charter school requirements enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed. The petition also shall include documentation that the charter school meets at least one of the criteria for academic performance specified in Education Code 47607(b), as listed in item #5 in the section "Criteria for Granting or Denying Renewal" below. (Education Code 47607; 5 CCR 11966.4)

Criteria for Granting or Denying Renewal

Renewals shall be governed by the same standards and criteria that apply to new charter petitions as set forth in Education Code 47605. The Board shall consider the past performance of the charter school's academics, finances, and operations in evaluating the likelihood of future success, along with plans for improvement, if any. (Education Code 47607; 5 CCR 11966.4)

In determining whether to grant a charter renewal, the Board shall consider increases in academic achievement for all "numerically significant" groups of students served by the charter school, as defined in Education Code 52052, as the most important factor. (Education Code 47607)

CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL (continued)

The Board shall deny a renewal petition only if it makes a written factual finding setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the following grounds: (Education Code 47605, 47607; 5 CCR 11966.4)

1. The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the students enrolled in the school.
2. The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.
3. The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in Education Code 47605(d).
4. The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the charter provisions in Education Code 47605(b).
5. The charter school has failed to meet at least one of the following criteria of academic performance:
 - a. Attainment of its Academic Performance Index (API) growth target in the prior year or in two of the last three years, both schoolwide and for all numerically significant groups of students served by the charter school as defined in Education Code 52052.
 - b. An API ranking in deciles 4-10 in the prior year or in two of the last three years.
 - c. An API ranking in deciles 4-10 for a demographically comparable school in the prior year or in two of the last three years.
 - d. Academic performance at least equal to the academic performance of the public schools that the charter school students would otherwise have been required to attend as well as the academic performance of district schools, taking into account the composition of the student population that is served at the charter school. In determining whether the charter school satisfies this criterion, the Board shall base its decision on:
 - (1) Documented clear and convincing data
 - (2) Student achievement data from assessments, including, but not limited to, the Standardized Testing and Reporting Program, for demographically similar student populations in comparison schools
 - (3) Information submitted by the charter school

CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL (continued)

Whenever the Board makes a determination based on this criterion, the Superintendent or designee shall submit copies of supporting documentation and a written summary of the basis for the Board's determination to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

- e. Qualification for an alternative accountability system pursuant to Education Code 52052(h)

Timelines for Board Action

Within 30 days of receiving the renewal petition, the Board shall hold a public hearing to review documentation submitted by the charter school and obtain public input.

If the charter school submits documentation pursuant to item #5d in the section "Criteria for Granting or Denying Renewal" above, the Board shall not grant a renewal until at least 30 days after the submission of such documentation. (Education Code 47607)

Within 60 days of receiving the renewal petition, or within 90 days if extended by mutual written agreement of the Board and the charter school, the Board shall either grant or deny the request to renew the charter. (Education Code 47607; 5 CCR 11966.4)

If the Board fails to make a written factual finding pursuant to items #1-5 in the section "Criteria for Granting or Denying Renewal" above within the required time period, the absence of a written factual finding shall be deemed an approval of the renewal petition. (5 CCR 11966.4)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide notification to the California Department of Education, within 10 calendar days of the Board's action, whenever a renewal of the charter is granted or denied. (Education Code 47604.32; 5 CCR 11962.1)

If the Board denies a renewal petition, the charter school may submit its application for renewal to the County Board of Education within 30 days of the Board's written factual findings supporting the denial. If the County Board then fails to deny or grant the petition within 60 days of receiving the petition, or within 90 days if extended by written mutual agreement of the charter school and the County Board, the charter school may submit the petition to the State Board of Education. (Education Code 47605, 47607.5)

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CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL (continued)

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CHARTER SCHOOL REVOCATION

The Governing Board expects any charter school it authorizes to provide a sound educational program that promotes student learning and to carry out its operations in a manner that complies with law and the terms of its charter.

(cf. 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization)

(cf. 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight)

(cf. 0420.42 - Charter School Renewal)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

The Board may revoke a charter before the date it is due to expire whenever the Board makes a written factual finding, supported by substantial evidence, that the charter school has done any of the following: (Education Code 47607)

1. Committed a material violation of any of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter
2. Failed to meet or pursue any of the student outcomes identified in the charter
3. Failed to meet generally accepted accounting principles or engaged in fiscal mismanagement
4. Violated any provision of law

In determining whether to revoke a charter, the Board shall consider increases in student academic achievement for all "numerically significant" groups of students served by the charter school, as defined in Education Code 52052, as the most important factor. (Education Code 47607)

At least 72 hours prior to any Board meeting at which the Board will consider issuing a Notice of Violation, the Board shall provide the charter school with notice and all relevant documents related to the proposed action. (5 CCR 11968.5.2)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

If the Board takes action to issue a Notice of Violation, it shall deliver the Notice of Violation to the charter school's governing body. The Notice of Violation shall identify: (Education Code 47607; 5 CCR 11965, 11968.5.2)

1. The charter school's alleged violation(s).
2. All evidence relied upon by the Board in determining that the charter school committed the alleged violation(s), including the date and duration of the alleged

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violation(s). The Notice shall show that each alleged violation is both material and uncured and that it occurred within a reasonable period of time before the Notice of Violation is issued.

3. The period of time that the Board has concluded is a reasonable period of time for the charter school to remedy or refute the identified violation(s). In identifying this time period, the Board shall consider the amount of time reasonably necessary to remedy each identified violation, which may include the charter school's estimation as to the anticipated remediation time.

By the end of the remedy period identified in the Notice of Violation, the charter school's governing body may submit to the Board a detailed written response and supporting evidence addressing each identified violation, including the refutation, remedial action taken, or proposed remedial action. (5 CCR 11968.5.2)

Within 60 calendar days of the conclusion of the remedy period, the Board shall evaluate any response and supporting evidence provided by the charter school's governing body and shall take one of the following actions: (5 CCR 11968.5.2)

1. Discontinue revocation of the charter and provide timely written notice of such action to the charter school's governing body
2. If there is substantial evidence that the charter school has failed to remedy a violation identified in the Notice of Violation or to refute a violation to the Board's satisfaction, continue revocation of the charter by issuing a Notice of Intent to Revoke to the charter school's governing body

If the Board issues a Notice of Intent to Revoke, it shall hold a public hearing concerning the revocation on the date specified in the notice, which shall be no later than 30 days after providing the notice. Within 30 calendar days after the public hearing, or within 60 calendar days if extended by written mutual agreement of the Board and the charter school, the Board shall issue a final decision to revoke or decline to revoke the charter. (Education Code 47607; 5 CCR 11968.5.2)

If the Board fails to meet the timelines specified above for issuing a Notice of Intent to Revoke or a final decision, the revocation process shall be deemed terminated. (5 CCR 11968.5.2)

Within 10 calendar days of the Board's final decision, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the final decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) and the County Board of Education. (Education Code 47604.32; 5 CCR 11968.5.2)

CHARTER SCHOOL REVOCATION (continued)**Severe and Imminent Threat**

The procedures specified above shall not be applicable when the Board determines, in writing, that any violation under Education Code 47607 constitutes a severe and imminent threat to the health or safety of students. In such circumstances, the Board may immediately revoke the school's charter by approving and delivering a Notice of Revocation by Determination of a Severe and Imminent Threat to Pupil Health or Safety to the charter school's governing body, the County Board, and the CDE. (Education Code 47607; 5 CCR 11968.5.3)

Appeals

In the event that the Board revokes the charter, the charter school may, within 30 days of the Board's final decision, appeal the revocation to the County Board. Either the charter school or the district may subsequently appeal the County Board's decision to the SBE. (Education Code 47607; 5 CCR 11968.5.3-11968.5.5)

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National Association of Charter School Authorizers: <http://www.charterauthorizers.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a free appropriate public education to all individuals with disabilities, aged 3 to 21 years, who reside in the district, including children who have been suspended or expelled or placed by the district in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school.

Students shall be referred for special education instruction and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered, and where appropriate, utilized. (Education Code 56303)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)
(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)
(cf. 6159.3 - Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students)
(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

The special education local plan area (SELPA) shall administer a local plan and administer the allocation of funds. (Education Code 56195)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)

In order to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and employ staff with adequate expertise for this purpose, the district participates as a member of the SELPA.

The Superintendent or designee shall extend the district's full cooperation to the SELPA. The policies and procedures of the SELPA shall be applied as policies and regulations of this district, with the exception of those that apply to complaints, unless the SELPA plan specifically authorizes the district to operate under its own policies and regulations.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 56000-56001 *Education for individuals with exceptional needs*
- 56020-56035 *Definitions*
- 56040-56046 *General provisions*
- 56048-56050 *Surrogate parents*
- 56055 *Foster parents*
- 56060-56063 *Substitute teachers*
- 56170-56177 *Children enrolled in private schools*
- 56190-56194 *Community advisory committees*
- 56195-56195.10 *Local plans*
- 56205-56208 *Local plan requirements*
- 56213 *Special education local plan areas with small or sparse populations*
- 56240-56245 *Staff development*
- 56300-56385 *Identification and referral, assessment, instructional planning*
- 56440-56447.1 *Programs for individuals between the ages of three and five years*
- 56500-56508 *Procedural safeguards, including due process rights*
- 56520-56524 *Behavioral interventions*
- 56600-56606 *Evaluation, audits and information*
- 56836-56836.05 *Administration of local plan*

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- 95000-95029 *California Early Intervention Services Act*

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- 361 *Limitations on parental control*
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- 3000-3089 *Regulations governing special education*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

- 794 *Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 12101-12213 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

- 99.10-99.22 *Inspection, review and procedures for amending education records*
- 104.1-104.39 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*
- 300.1-300.818 *Assistance to states for the education of children with disabilities, including:*
- 300.500-300.520 *Due process procedures for parents and children*
- 303.1-303.654 *Early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

- California Department of Education, Special Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se>
- U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs:
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep>

COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Definitions

Free appropriate public education (FAPE) means special education and related services that are provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge; meet the standards of the California Department of Education, including the requirements of 34 CFR 300.1-300.818; include appropriate preschool, elementary school, or secondary school education for individuals between the ages of 3 and 21; and are provided in conformity with an individualized education program (IEP) that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 300.320-300.324. (34 CFR 300.17, 300.101, 300.104; Education Code 56040)

FAPE applies to students who are suspended or expelled or placed by the district in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school. (34 CFR 300.17, 300.101, 300.104)

Least restrictive environment means that, to the maximum extent appropriate, students with disabilities, including individuals in public or private institutions or other care facilities, be educated with individuals who are nondisabled, including the provision of nonacademic and extracurricular services and activities. Special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of students with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only if the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in the regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. (34 CFR 300.107, 300.114, 300.117; Education Code 56040.1)

Special education means specially designed instruction, provided at no cost to the parent/guardian, to meet the unique needs of individuals with disabilities including a full continuum of program options including instruction conducted in the classroom, in the home, in hospitals and institutions, and other settings, and instruction in physical education to meet the educational and service needs in the least restrictive environment. (Education Code 56300, 56031)

Special education may include each of the following if the services otherwise meet the definition in the above paragraph: (Education Code 56031)

1. Speech language pathology services, or any other designated instruction and service or related service, pursuant to Education Code 56363, if the service is considered special education rather than designated instruction and service or related service under state standards
2. Travel training
3. Career technical education
4. Transition services for students with disabilities in accordance with 34 CFR 300.43 if provided as specially designed instruction, or a related service, if required to assist a student with disabilities to benefit from special education

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Specially designed instruction means adapting the content, methodology, or delivery of instruction to address the unique needs of the student that result from the student's disability and to ensure access of the student to the general curriculum, so that the student can meet the educational standards that apply to all students in the district. (34 CFR 300.39)

Surrogate parent means an individual assigned to act as a surrogate for the parent/guardian. The surrogate may represent an individual with disabilities in matters relating to identification, assessment, instructional planning and development, educational placement, reviewing and revising the IEP, and in other matters relating to the provision of FAPE to the individual with disability. (34 CFR 300.519; Education Code 56050)

(cf. 6159.3 - Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education)

Elements of the Local Plan

The local plan developed by the special education local plan area (SELPA) shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (Education Code 56205, 56206)

1. Assurances that policies, procedures, and programs, consistent with state law, regulation, and policy, are in effect as specified in Education Code 56205(a)(1-22) and in conformity with 20 USC 1412(a), 20 USC 1413(a)(1), and 34 CFR 300.201
2. An annual budget plan and annual service plan adopted at a public hearing held by the SELPA
3. A description of programs for early childhood special education from birth through five years of age
4. A description of the method by which members of the public, including parents/guardians of individuals with disabilities who are receiving services under the plan, may address questions or concerns pursuant to Education Code 56205
5. A description of a dispute resolution process
6. Verification that the plan has been reviewed by the community advisory committee in accordance with Education Code 56205
7. A description of the process being utilized to refer students for special education instruction pursuant to Education Code 56303
8. A description of the process being utilized to oversee and evaluate placements in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools and the method for ensuring that all requirements of each student's IEP are being met

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9. A description of how specialized equipment and services will be distributed within the local plan area in a manner that minimizes the necessity to serve students in isolated sites and maximizes the opportunities to serve students in the least restrictive environment

The local plan, annual budget plan, and annual service plan shall be written in language that is understandable to the general public. (Education Code 56205)

Each entity providing special education shall adopt policies for the programs and services it operates, consistent with agreements adopted pursuant to Education Code 56195.1 and 56195.7. (Education Code 56195.8)

(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.41 - Children with Disabilities Enrolled by Their Parents in Private School)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that technological resources can enhance student achievement by increasing student access to information, supporting teacher effectiveness, and facilitating the administration of student assessments. Effective use of technology can also increase the efficiency of the district's noninstructional operations and governance.

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, for Board approval, a comprehensive three-year technology plan based on an assessment of current uses of technology in the district and an identification of future needs. The Superintendent or designee may appoint an advisory committee consisting of a variety of staff and community stakeholders to assist with the development of the technology plan.

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

The plan shall be integrated into the district's vision and goals for student learning and shall contain research-based strategies and methods for the effective use of technology. When required for state or federal grant programs in which the district participates, the plan shall also address all components required for receipt of such grants.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any use of technological resources in the district protects the private and confidential information of students and employees in accordance with law.

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference:
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE
22584-22585 Student Online Personal Information Protection Act
EDUCATION CODE
10550-10555 Telecommunications standards
11800 K-12 High Speed Network grant program

Legal Reference: (Continued on next page)

DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN (continued)

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California Educational Technology Professionals Association: <http://www.cetpa.net>
Computer-Using Educators: <http://www.cue.org>
Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>
ON[the]LINE, digital citizenship resources: <http://www.onthelineca.org>
Technology Information Center for Administrative Leadership: <http://www.portical.org>

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DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The district's technology plan shall address, at a minimum, the following components:

1. Background Information: A guide to the district's use of technology for the next three years, including:
 - a. Specific starting and ending dates of the plan
 - b. An overview of the district's location and demographics
 - c. A description of how stakeholders from the district and community were involved in the planning process
 - d. A description of the relevant research behind the strategies and/or methods in the plan and how the research supports the plan's curricular and professional development goals
2. Curriculum: Clear goals and realistic strategies for using telecommunications and information technology to improve educational services, including:
 - a. A description of teachers' and students' current access to instructional technology and current use of digital tools, including district policies or practices to ensure equitable technology access for all students
 - b. Goals and an implementation plan, including annual activities, for:
 - (1) How technology will be used to improve teaching and learning, how these goals align with district curricular goals and other plans, how the district budget and local control and accountability plan support these goals, and whether future funding proposals or partnerships may be needed for successful implementation
 - (2) How and when students will acquire the technology skills and information literacy skills needed for college and career readiness
 - (3) Internet safety and the appropriate and ethical use of technology in the classroom

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

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(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6162.54 - Test Integrity/Test Preparation)
(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

3. Professional Development: A professional development strategy to ensure that staff understands how to use new technologies to improve education services, including:
 - a. A summary of teachers' and administrators' current technology proficiency and integration skills and needs for professional development
 - b. Goals and an implementation plan, including annual activities, for providing professional development opportunities based on district needs assessment data and the curriculum component of the technology plan

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

4. Infrastructure, Hardware, Technical Support, Software, and Asset Management: An assessment of the telecommunication services, hardware, software, asset management, and other services that will be needed to improve education services, including:
 - a. A description of existing hardware, Internet access, electronic learning resources, technical support, and asset management in the district
 - b. A description of technology hardware, electronic learning resources, networking and telecommunications infrastructure, physical plant modifications, technical support, and asset management needed by district teachers, students, and administrators to support the activities in the curriculum and professional development components of the plan

(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 7000 - Facilities Master Plan)

5. Monitoring and Evaluation: An evaluation process that enables the school to monitor progress toward the specific goals and mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise, including:

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- a. The process for evaluating the plan's overall progress and impact on teaching and learning
- b. The schedule for evaluating the effect of plan implementation and a description of the process and frequency of communicating evaluation results to technology plan stakeholders

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

6. **Noninstructional Uses of Technology:** A description of how technology will be used to improve district governance, district and school site administration, support services, and communications

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

7. **Cost:** An estimate of the cost for each year of the plan and each of its major components

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The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus where they are free from physical and psychological harm. The Board is fully committed to maximizing school safety and to creating a positive learning environment that includes strategies for violence prevention and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

- (cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*
- (cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*
- (cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*
- (cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*
- (cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*
- (cf. 5131 - Conduct)*
- (cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*
- (cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*
- (cf. 5136 - Gangs)*
- (cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*
- (cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*
- (cf. 5144 - Discipline)*
- (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*
- (cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*
- (cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*
- (cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*
- (cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the development of a districtwide comprehensive safety plan that is applicable to each school site. (Education Code 32281)

The comprehensive safety plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year. (Education Code 32286)

The Board shall review the comprehensive safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with state law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall approve the plan(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting.

- (cf. 0500 - Accountability)*
- (cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)*

By October 15 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the California Department of Education of any schools that have not complied with the requirements of Education Code 32281. (Education Code 32288)

Public Access to Safety Plan(s)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that an updated file of all safety-related plans and materials is readily available for inspection by the public. (Education Code 32282)

- (cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

32260-32262 Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985

32270 School safety cadre

32280-32289 School safety plans

32290 Safety devices

35147 School site councils and advisory committees

35183 School dress code; uniforms

35291 Rules

35291.5 School-adopted discipline rules

35294.10-35294.15 School Safety and Violence Prevention Act

41510-41514 School Safety Consolidated Competitive Grant Program

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49079 Notification to teacher; student act constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion

67381 Violent crime

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422.55 Definition of hate crime

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11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

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Federal Bureau of Investigation: <http://www.fbi.gov>

National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>

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National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

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U.S. Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center: http://www.secretservice.gov/ntac_ssi.shtml

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Development and Review of School Site Safety Plan

When developing the comprehensive school safety plan, the school site council shall consult with local law enforcement as well as other school site councils and safety committees, when practical. (Education Code 32281, 32282)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

In addition, the school site council may consult with other local agencies as appropriate, including health care and emergency service providers.

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

The school site council may delegate the responsibility for developing a school safety plan to a school safety planning committee. This committee shall be composed of the following members: (Education Code 32281)

1. The principal or designee
2. One teacher who is a representative of the recognized certificated employee organization
3. One parent/guardian whose child attends the school
4. One classified employee who is a representative of the recognized classified employee organization
5. Other members, if desired

Before adopting its comprehensive school safety plan, the school site council or school safety planning committee shall hold a public meeting at the school in order to allow members of the public the opportunity to express an opinion about the school safety plan. (Education Code 32288)

The school site council or safety planning committee shall notify, in writing, the following persons and entities of the public meeting: (Education Code 32288)

1. The local mayor
2. A representative of the local school employee organization
3. A representative of each parent organization at the school site, including the parent teacher association and parent teacher clubs

(cf. 1230 – School-Connected Organizations)

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4. A representative of each teacher organization at the school site

(cf. 4140/4240 – Bargaining Units)

5. A representative of the student body government
6. All persons who have indicated that they want to be notified

In addition, the school site council or safety planning committee may notify, in writing, the following entities of the public meeting: (Education Code 32288)

7. A representative of the local religious organizations
8. Local civic leaders
9. Local business organizations

(cf. 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1700 – Relations between Private Industry and the Schools)

Content of the Safety Plan

The districtwide and/or school site safety plan shall include an assessment of the current status of school crime committed on campus(es) and at school-related functions. (Education Code 32282)

The plan also shall identify appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety. The plan shall include the development of all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

1. Child abuse reporting procedures consistent with Penal Code 11164

(cf. 5141.4 – Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

2. Routine and emergency disaster procedures including, but not limited to:

- a. Adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 6159 – Individualized Education Program)

- b. An earthquake emergency procedure system in accordance with Education Code 32282

(cf. 3516 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3516.3 – Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)

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- c. A procedure to allow a public agency, including the American Red Cross, to use school buildings, grounds, and equipment for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare

(cf. 1330 – Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 3516.1 – Fire Drills and Fires)
(cf. 3516.2 – Bomb Threats)
(cf. 3516.5 – Emergency Schedules)
(cf. 3543 – Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

3. Policies pursuant to Education Code 48915(c) and other school-designated serious acts which would lead to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations

(cf. 5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

4. Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous students pursuant to Education Code 49079

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 – Employee Security)

5. A discrimination and harassment policy consistent with the prohibition against discrimination pursuant to Education Code 200-262.4

(cf. 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 – Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment)

6. If the school has adopted a dress code prohibiting students from wearing “gang-related apparel” pursuant to Education Code 35183, the provisions of that dress code and the definition of “gang-related apparel”

(cf. 5132 – Dress and Grooming)

7. Procedures for safe ingress and egress of students, parents/guardians, and employees to and from school

(cf. 5142 – Safety)

8. A safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning

(cf. 5137 – Positive School Climate)

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9. The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to Education Code 35291 and 35291.5

(cf. 5144 – Discipline)

10. Hate crime reporting procedures

(cf. 5145.9 – Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Among the strategies for providing a safe environment, the school safety plan may also include:

1. Development of a positive school climate that promotes respect for diversity, personal and social responsibility, effective interpersonal and communication skills, self-esteem, anger management, and conflict resolution

(cf. 5138 – Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 6141.2 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

2. Disciplinary policies and procedures that contain prevention strategies, such as strategies to prevent bullying, hazing, and cyberbullying, as well as behavioral expectations and consequences for violations

(cf. 5113 – Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 – Chronic Absence and Truancy)

(cf. 5131 – Conduct)

(cf. 5136 – Gangs)

3. Curriculum that emphasizes prevention and alternatives to violence, such as multicultural education, character/values education, media analysis skills, conflict resolution, and community service learning

(cf. 6142.3 – Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.4 – Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

4. Parent involvement strategies, including strategies to help ensure parent/guardian support and reinforcement of the school's rules and increase the number of adults on campus

(cf. 1240 – Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 5020 – Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 – Parent Involvement)

5. Prevention and intervention strategies related to the sale or use of drugs and alcohol which shall reflect expectations for drug-free schools and support for recovering students

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(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

6. Collaborative relationships among the city, county, community agencies, local law enforcement, the judicial system, and the schools that lead to the development of a set of common goals and community strategies for violence prevention instruction

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

7. Procedures for responding to the release of a pesticide or other toxic substance from properties located within one-quarter mile of the school

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

8. Procedures for receiving verification from law enforcement that a violent crime has occurred on school grounds and for promptly notifying parents/guardians and employees of that crime

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

9. Assessment of the school's physical environment, including a risk management analysis and development of ground security measures such as procedures for the closing of campuses to outsiders, surveillance systems, securing the campus perimeter, protecting buildings against vandalism, and providing for a law enforcement presence on campus

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

10. Crisis prevention and intervention strategies, which may include the following:

- a. Identification of possible crises that may occur, determination of necessary tasks that need to be addressed, and development of procedures relative to each crisis, including the involvement of law enforcement and other public safety agencies as appropriate

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

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- b. Threat assessment strategies to determine the credibility and seriousness of a threat and provide appropriate interventions for the potential offender(s)
 - c. Assignment of staff members responsible for each identified task and procedure
 - d. Development of an evacuation plan based on an assessment of buildings and grounds and opportunities for students and staff to practice the evacuation plan
 - e. Coordination of communication to schools, Governing Board members, parents/guardians, and the media
- (cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)
- f. Development of a method for the reporting of violent incidents
 - g. Development of follow-up procedures that may be required after a crisis has occurred, such as counseling
11. Staff development in violence prevention and intervention techniques, including preparation to implement the elements of the safety plan

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

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Local Control And Accountability Plan

The Board of Trustees desires to ensure the most effective use of available funding to improve outcomes for all students. A comprehensive, data-driven planning process shall be used to identify annual goals and specific actions and to facilitate continuous improvement of district practices.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

The Board shall adopt a districtwide local control and accountability plan (LCAP), based on the template adopted by the State Board of Education, that addresses the state priorities in Education Code 52060 and any local priorities adopted by the Board. The LCAP shall be updated on or before July 1 of each year and, like the district budget, shall cover the next fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years. (Education Code 52060, 52064; 5 CCR 15494-15497)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

The LCAP shall focus on improving outcomes for all students, particularly those who are "unduplicated students" or are part of any numerically significant student subgroup that is at risk of or is underperforming.

Unduplicated students include students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, English learners, and foster youth, as defined in Education Code 42238.01 for purposes of the local control funding formula. (Education Code 42238.02)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

Numerically significant student subgroups include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students, when there are at least 30 students in the subgroup or at least 15 foster youth or homeless students, or as otherwise defined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). (Education Code 52052)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

The Superintendent or designee shall review the single plan for student achievement (SPSA) submitted by each district school pursuant to Education Code 64001 to ensure that the specific actions included in the LCAP are consistent with strategies included in the SPSA. (Education Code 52062)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

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The LCAP shall also be aligned with other district and school plans to the extent possible in order to minimize duplication of effort and provide clear direction for program implementation.

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

Any complaint that the district has not complied with legal requirements pertaining to the LCAP may be filed pursuant to AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 52075)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Plan Development

The Superintendent or designee shall gather data and information needed for effective and meaningful plan development and present it to the Board and community. Such data and information shall include, but not be limited to, data regarding the number of students in student subgroups, disaggregated data on student achievement levels, and information about current programs and expenditures.

The Board shall consult with teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, employee bargaining units, parents/guardians, and students in developing the LCAP. Consultation with students shall enable unduplicated students and other numerically significant student subgroups to review and comment on LCAP development and may include surveys of students, student forums, student advisory committees, and/or meetings with student government bodies or other groups representing students. (Education Code 52060; 5 CCR 15495)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Public Review and Input

The Board shall establish a parent advisory committee to review and comment on the LCAP. The committee shall be composed of a majority of parents/guardians and shall include at least one parent/guardian of an unduplicated student as defined above. (Education Code 52063; 5 CCR 15495)

Whenever district enrollment includes at least 15 percent English learners, with at least 50 students who are English learners, the Board shall establish an English learner parent

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advisory committee composed of a majority of parents/guardians of English learners. (Education Code 52063; 5 CCR 15495)

The Superintendent or designee shall present the LCAP to the committee(s) before it is submitted to the Board for adoption, and shall respond in writing to comments received from the committee(s). (Education Code 52062)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify members of the public of the opportunity to submit written comments regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the LCAP. The notification shall be provided using the most efficient method of notification possible, which may not necessarily include producing printed notices or sending notices by mail. All written notifications related to the LCAP shall be provided in the primary language of parents/guardians when required by Education Code 48985. (Education Code 52062)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

As part of the parent and community engagement process, the district shall solicit input on effective and appropriate instructional methods, including, but not limited to, establishing language acquisition programs to enable all students, including English learners and native English speakers, to have access to the core academic content standards and to become proficient in English. (Education Code 305-306)

The Board shall hold at least one public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the LCAP. The public hearing shall be held at the same meeting as the budget hearing required pursuant to Education Code 42127 and AR 3100 - Budget. (Education Code 42127, 52062)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

Adoption of the Plan

The Board shall adopt the LCAP prior to adopting the district budget, but at the same public meeting. This meeting shall be held after the public hearing described above, but not on the same day as the hearing.

The Board may adopt revisions to the LCAP at any time during the period in which the plan is in effect, provided the Board follows the process to adopt the LCAP pursuant to Education Code 52062 and the revisions are adopted in a public meeting. (Education Code 52062)

Submission of Plan to County Superintendent of Schools

Not later than five days after adoption of the LCAP, the Board shall file the LCAP with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 52070)

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If the County Superintendent sends, by August 15, a written request for clarification of the contents of the LCAP, the Board shall respond in writing within 15 days of the request. If the County Superintendent then submits recommendations for amendments to the LCAP within 15 days of receiving the Board's response, the Board shall consider those recommendations in a public meeting within 15 days of receiving the recommendations. (Education Code 52070)

Monitoring Progress

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board, at least annually in accordance with the timeline and indicators established by him/her and the Board, regarding the district's progress toward attaining each goal identified in the LCAP. Evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, an assessment of district and school performance reported on the California School Dashboard. Evaluation data shall be used to recommend any necessary revisions to the LCAP.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Technical Assistance/Intervention

When it is in the best interest of the district, the Board may submit a request to the County Superintendent for technical assistance, including, but not limited to: (Education Code 52071)

1. Assistance in the identification of district strengths and weaknesses in regard to state priorities, and review of effective, evidence-based programs that apply to the district's goals
2. Assistance from an academic expert, team of academic experts, or another district in the county in identifying and implementing effective programs to improve the outcomes for student subgroups
3. Advice and assistance from the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence established pursuant to Education Code 52074

In the event that the County Superintendent requires the district to receive technical assistance pursuant to Education Code 52071, the Board shall review all recommendations received from the County Superintendent or other advisor and shall consider revisions to the LCAP as appropriate in accordance with the process specified in Education Code 52062.

If the SPI identifies the district as needing intervention pursuant to Education Code 52072, the district shall cooperate with any action taken by the SPI or any academic advisor appointed by the SPI, which may include one or more of the following:

1. Revision of the district's LCAP

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2. Revision of the district's budget in accordance with changes in the LCAP
3. A determination to stay or rescind any district action that would prevent the district from improving outcomes for all student subgroups, provided that action is not required by a collective bargaining agreement

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE*305-306 English language education**17002 State School Building Lease-Purchase Law, including definition of good repair**33430-33436 Learning Communities for School Success Program; grants for LCAP implementation**41020 Audits**42127 Public hearing on budget adoption**42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula**44258.9 County superintendent review of teacher assignment**48985 Parental notices in languages other than English**51210 Course of study for grades 1-6**51220 Course of study for grades 7-12**52052 Numerically significant student subgroups**52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan**52302 Regional occupational centers and programs**52372.5 Linked learning pilot program**54692 Partnership academies**60119 Sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials; hearing and resolution**60605.8 California Assessment of Academic Achievement; Academic Content Standards Commission**60811.3 Assessment of language development**64001 Single plan for student achievement**99300-99301 Early Assessment Program*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*15494-15497 Local control and accountability plan and spending requirements*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20*6312 Local educational agency plan**6826 Title III funds, local plans**Management Resources:*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*Promising Practices for Developing and Implementing LCAPs, Governance Brief, November 2016**LCFF Rubrics, Issue 1: What Boards Need to Know About the New Rubrics, Governance Brief, rev. October 2016*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS*California School Accounting Manual**California School Dashboard**LCFF Frequently Asked Questions**Local Control and Accountability Plan and Annual Update (LCAP) Template**Family Engagement Framework: A Tool for California School Districts, 2014**California Career Technical Education Model Curriculum Standards, 2013**California Common Core State Standards: English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, rev. 2013**California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, rev. 2013**California English Language Development Standards, 2012**Management Resources: Continued on next page*

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WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Biggs, California

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

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Local Control And Accountability Plan

Goals and Actions Addressing State and Local Priorities

The district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include, for the district and each district school: (Education Code 52060)

1. A description of the annual goals established for all students and for each numerically significant subgroup as defined in Education Code 52052, including ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students. The LCAP shall identify goals for each of the following state priorities:

a. The degree to which district teachers are appropriately assigned in accordance with Education Code 44258.9 and fully credentialed in the subject areas and for the students they are teaching; every district student has sufficient access to standards-aligned instructional materials as determined pursuant to Education Code 60119; and school facilities are maintained in good repair as specified in Education Code 17002

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

b. Implementation of the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE), including how the programs and services will enable English learners to access the Common Core State Standards and the English language development standards for purposes of gaining academic content knowledge and English language proficiency

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

c. Parent/guardian involvement, including efforts the district makes to seek parent/guardian input in district and school site decision making and how the district will promote parent/guardian participation in programs for unduplicated students, as defined in Education Code 42238.02 and Board policy, and students with disabilities

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

d. Student achievement, as measured by all of the following as applicable:

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- (1) Statewide assessments of student achievement
- (2) The percentage of students who have successfully completed courses that satisfy the requirements for entrance to the University of California and the California State University, or career technical education sequences or programs of study that satisfy specified requirements and align with SBE-approved career technical education standards and frameworks, including, but not limited to, those described in Education Code 52302, 52372.5, or 54692
- (3) The percentage of English learners who make progress toward English proficiency as measured by the SBE-certified assessment of English proficiency
- (4) The English learner reclassification rate
- (5) The percentage of students who have passed an Advanced Placement examination with a score of 3 or higher
- (6) The percentage of students who participate in and demonstrate college preparedness in the Early Assessment Program pursuant to Education Code 99300-99301

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

- e. Student engagement, as measured by school attendance rates, chronic absenteeism rates, middle school dropout rates, high school dropout rates, and high school graduation rates, as applicable

(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

- f. School climate, as measured by student suspension and expulsion rates and other local measures, including surveys of students, parents/guardians, and teachers on the sense of safety and school connectedness, as applicable

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

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- g. The extent to which students have access to and are enrolled in a broad course of study that includes all of the subject areas described in Education Code 51210 and 51220, as applicable, including the programs and services developed and provided to unduplicated students and students with disabilities, and the programs and services that are provided to benefit these students as a result of supplemental and concentration grant funding pursuant to Education Code 42238.02 and 42238.03

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

- h. Student outcomes, if available, in the subject areas described in Education Code 51210 and 51220, as applicable

2. Any goals identified for any local priorities established by the Board.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

3. A description of the specific actions the district will take during each year of the LCAP to achieve the identified goals, including the enumeration of any specific actions necessary for that year to correct any deficiencies in regard to the state and local priorities specified in items #1-2 above. Such actions shall not supersede provisions of existing collective bargaining agreements within the district.

For purposes of the descriptions required by items #1-3 above, the Board may consider qualitative information, including, but not limited to, findings that result from any school quality reviews conducted pursuant to Education Code 52052 or any other reviews. (Education Code 52060)

For any local priorities addressed in the LCAP, the Board and Superintendent or designee shall identify and include in the LCAP the method for measuring the district's progress toward achieving those goals. (Education Code 52060)

To the extent practicable, data reported in the LCAP shall be reported in a manner consistent with how information is reported on a school accountability report card. (Education Code 52060)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

Increase or Improvement in Services for Unduplicated Students

The LCAP shall demonstrate how the district will increase or improve services for unduplicated students at least in proportion to the increase in funds apportioned on the basis of the number and concentration of unduplicated students. (5 CCR 15494-15496)

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When the district expends supplemental and/or concentration grant funds on a districtwide or schoolwide basis during the year for which the LCAP is adopted, the district's LCAP shall: (5 CCR 15496)

1. Identify those services that are being funded and provided on a districtwide or schoolwide basis
2. Describe how services are principally directed towards, and are effective in, meeting the district's goals for unduplicated students in the state priority areas and any local priority areas
3. If the enrollment of unduplicated students is less than 55 percent of district enrollment or less than 40 percent of school enrollment, describe how these services are the most effective use of the funds to meet the district's goals for its unduplicated students in the state priority areas and any local priority areas. The description shall provide the basis for this determination, including, but not limited to, any alternatives considered and any supporting research, experiences, or educational theory.

Annual Updates

On or before July 1 of each year, the LCAP shall be updated using the template adopted by the SBE and shall include all of the following: (Education Code 52061)

1. A review of any changes in the applicability of the goals described in the existing LCAP pursuant to the section "Goals and Actions Addressing State and Local Priorities" above
2. A review of the progress toward the goals included in the existing LCAP, an assessment of the effectiveness of the specific actions described in the existing LCAP toward achieving the goals, and a description of changes to the specific actions the district will make as a result of the review and assessment
3. A listing and description of the expenditures for the fiscal year implementing the specific actions included in the LCAP and the changes to the specific actions made as a result of the reviews and assessment required by items #1-2 above
4. A listing and description of expenditures for the fiscal year that will serve unduplicated students and students redesignated as fluent English proficient

Availability of the Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall post the LCAP and any updates or revisions to the LCAP on the district's web site. (Education Code 52065)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ACCOUNTABILITY

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to ensure accountability to the public for the performance of the district and each district school. The Board shall regularly review the effectiveness of district programs, personnel, and fiscal operations, with a focus on the capacity to improve student achievement. The Board shall establish appropriate processes and measures to monitor results and to evaluate progress toward accomplishing the district's vision and goals set forth in the local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

(cf. 9400 - Board Self-Evaluation)

District and school performance shall be annually evaluated based on multiple measures specified in the California Accountability and Continuous Improvement System as reported on the California School Dashboard.

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

The district's alternative schools serving high-risk student populations, including continuation high schools, opportunity schools, community day schools, and nonpublic, nonsectarian schools pursuant to Education Code 56366, shall be subject to an alternative accountability system established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 52052, 56366)

(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

The district and each district school shall demonstrate comparable improvement in academic achievement for all numerically significant student subgroups. Numerically significant subgroups include ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students, when the subgroup consists of at least 30 students with a valid test score or 15 foster youth or homeless students. (Education Code 52052)

The Superintendent shall provide regular reports to the Board and the public regarding district and school performance. Opportunities for feedback from students, parents/guardians,

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staff, and community members shall be made available as part of any review and evaluation of district programs and operations and as part of the development or annual update of the LCAP.

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)
 (cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
 (cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
 (cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
 (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
 (cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Evaluation results may be used as a basis for revising district or school goals, updating the LCAP or other comprehensive plans, identifying and developing strategies to address disparities in achievement among student subgroups, implementing programmatic changes, determining the need for additional support and assistance, awarding incentives or rewards, and establishing other performance-based consequences.

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
 (cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
 (cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

33127-33129 Standards and criteria for fiscal accountability
 33400-33407 California Department of Education evaluation of district programs
 44660-44665 Evaluation of certificated employees
 51041 Evaluation of the educational program
 52052-52052.1 Public school performance accountability program
 52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
 56366 Nonpublic, nonsectarian schools
 60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

1068-1074 Alternative schools accountability model, assessments
 15440-15464 Standards and criteria for fiscal accountability

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6311 Accountability, state plan
 6312 Local educational agency plan

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

200.12-200.24 State accountability system
 200.30-200.48 State and LEA report cards and plans

*Management Resources:*WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
 California Department of Education, Accountability: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac>
 California School Dashboard: <http://www.caschooldashboard.org>
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BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to inform parents/guardians and the community about the conditions, needs, and progress at each district school and to provide data by which parents/guardians can make meaningful comparisons between schools. The process of gathering and analyzing data also provides opportunities for school and district staff to review achievements and identify areas for improvement.

The Board shall annually issue a school accountability report card (SARC) for each school site. (Education Code 35256)

In preparing the district's report cards, the Superintendent or designee may choose to use or adapt the model template provided by the California Department of Education. If the model template is not used, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that data are reported in a manner that is consistent with the definitions for school conditions as provided in the template. At least every three years, the Board shall compare the content of the district's report cards to the state's model template, recognizing that variances are allowed by law as necessary to meet local needs. (Education Code 33126.1, 35256)

The Board shall annually approve the SARCs for all district schools and shall evaluate the data contained in the SARCs as part of the Board's regular review of the effectiveness of the district's programs, personnel, and fiscal operations.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for communicating the information contained in the SARCs to all stakeholders, including opportunities for staff and the community to discuss their content.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Notification and Dissemination of SARCs

The Superintendent or designee shall annually publicize the issuance of the SARCs and notify parents/guardians that a paper copy will be provided upon request. On or before February 1 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall make the SARCs available in paper copy and on the Internet. (Education Code 35256)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD (continued)

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1240 County superintendent, general duties
17002 Definition, including good repair
17014 Plan for building maintenance
17032.5 Portable classroom maintenance
17070.15 School Facilities Act; definitions
17089 Portable classroom maintenance
33126 School Accountability Report Card
33126.1 School Accountability Report Card model template
33126.15 School Accountability Report Card template
33126.2 Secretary of Education school accountability report card study
35256 School Accountability Report Card
35256.1 Information required in the School Accountability Report Card
35258 Internet access to the School Accountability Report Card
41409 Calculation of statewide averages
41409.3 Salary information required in the School Accountability Report Card
46112 Minimum school day for grades 1 through 3
46113 Minimum school day for grades 4 through 8
46117 Minimum kindergarten school day
46141 Minimum school day (high school)
51225.3 Requirements for graduation
52052 Academic performance index
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60119 Textbook sufficiency
60600-60618 General provisions
60640-60648 Standardized testing and reporting program
60800 Physical fitness testing
60850 High school exit examination
60851 High school exit examination
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 16, Section 8.5(e) Allocations to State School Fund
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 State plans, including local educational agency report cards

Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Report Cards, September 12, 2003

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CSBA, SARC Select: <http://www.csba.org/Services/Services/DistrictServices/SARC.aspx>

California Department of Education, School Accountability Report Card:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa>

U.S. Department of Education, No Child Left Behind Act: <http://www.nclb.gov>