POLICY GUIDE SHEET
March 2019

Note: Descriptions below identify revisions made to CSBA's sample board policies, administrative regulations, board bylaws, and/or exhibits. Editorial changes have also been made. Districts and county offices of education should review the sample materials and modify their own policies accordingly.

BP/E 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight
(BP/E revised)

Policy updated to include the California School Dashboard as a means for monitoring charter school performance and identifying the need for technical assistance. Policy also deletes material related to the identification of schools for federal Program Improvement, which is no longer operational. Exhibit reorganized and subheads added for clarity. Exhibit also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 126, 2019)** and **NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION** which clarify that charter schools are subject to the Brown Act, California Public Records Act, Political Reform Act, and conflict of interest laws, and **NEW LAWS** which (1) prohibit the operation of a charter school as a for-profit corporation or organization **(AB 406)**; (2) provide that a student who is receiving individual instruction at home or a hospital due to a temporary disability must be allowed to return to the charter school when well enough to do so **(AB 2109)**; (3) require specified accommodations for pregnant and parenting students **(AB 2289)**; (4) prohibit taking negative action against a student or former student for a debt owed to the school **(AB 1974)**; (5) require development of a local control funding formula (LCFF) budget overview for parents/guardians in conjunction with the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) **(AB 1808)**; (6) require charter schools applying for certain categorical funding to adopt a school plan for student achievement **(AB 716)**; (7) require charter schools to adopt a comprehensive safety plan **(AB 1747)**; (8) require each bus to be equipped with a child safety alert system **(AB 1840)**; (9) require charter schools serving grades 7-12 to offer comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education **(AB 2601)**; (10) require parental notification regarding human trafficking resources **(SB 1104)**; (11) require charter schools to exempt certain students transferring in grades 11-12 from locally established graduation requirements **(AB 2121)**; (12) allow students to wear cultural or religious adornments at graduation ceremonies **(AB 1248)**; (13) require charter schools to provide eligible students with a free or reduced-price meal each day **(AB 1871)**; (14) require charter schools to review their suicide prevention policy at least once every five years **(AB 2639)**; (15) require that the suicide prevention hotline number be printed on student identification cards **(SB 972)**; (16) require notification of how to access school or community mental health services **(AB 2022)**; (17) require an automated external defibrillator to be accessible at athletic events **(AB 2009)**; (18) mandate the adoption of policy on bullying and cyberbullying prevention **(AB 2291)**; (19) prohibit the use of seclusion and restraint for disciplinary purposes **(AB 2657)**; (20) prohibit the inclusion of a student's or parent/guardian's personal information in board minutes when so requested **(SB 1036)**; and (21) require charter schools receiving state facilities funding to provide an annual report of facilities expenditures and submit an audit within one year of project completion **(AB 99, 2017; AB 1808)**.

BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures
(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAWS** authorizing the use of uniform complaint procedures (UCP) to resolve allegations of noncompliance with accommodations for pregnant and parenting students **(AB 2289)**, the development and adoption of an LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians **(AB 1808)**, the development of a school plan for student achievement **(AB 716)**, and specified educational rights of migrant students and immigrant students enrolled in a newcomer program **(AB 2121)**. Policy also updates section on "Non-UCP Complaints" to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1808)** which provides that complaints alleging health and safety violations in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs are subject to Williams UCP. Regulation also updates section on "Notifications" to more closely reflect the California Department of Education's (CDE) Federal Program Monitoring instrument, deletes section on "District Responsibilities" which duplicates material in other sections, reorganizes section on "Report of Findings" for clarity, and revises section on "Corrective Actions" to delete item #9 which is not a remedy.

AR/E 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
(AR, E(1), and E(2) revised; E(3) and E(4) added)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1808)** which authorizes the use of Williams UCP to resolve allegations of health and safety violations in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs. Regulation also adds optional paragraph authorizing the use of Williams UCP for complaints alleging that a school that serves grades 6-12 and meets a 40 percent student poverty threshold fails to comply with the requirements to stock at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms with feminine hygiene products and to not charge students for such products. Exhibit 1 revised to add the applicable complaint procedure for the types of complaints listed in the notice. Exhibit 2 expands the applicability of the complaint form to include complaints alleging the failure to provide feminine hygiene products. New Exhibits 3 and 4 provide a sample notice and complaint form for complaints regarding health and safety in license-exempt preschool programs pursuant to AB 1808.

AR 1340 - Access to District Records
(AR revised)

Regulation updated to revise section on "Public Records" to delete legal cite which was repealed pursuant to **NEW LAW (AB 716)** and to include any district or school plan, unless otherwise prohibited by law, as a public record to which members of the public have access. Regulation also updated to reflect the prohibition against disclosing an individual's citizenship or immigration status or religious beliefs, practices, or affiliation to federal government authorities.

BP/AR 3100 - Budget
(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1808)** which requires districts to annually develop, adopt, and post an LCFF budget overview for parents/guardians and to file the budget overview with the county superintendent of schools. Section on "Long-Term Financial Obligations" revised to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1413)** which establishes the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program to allow districts to prefund required contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System. Regulation updated to emphasize that any recommendations by the budget advisory committee should be consistent with the district's vision, goals, priorities, LCAP, and other comprehensive plans and to clarify that a regional budget review committee convened by the county superintendent of schools requires approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as well as the district board.

BP/AR 3260 - Fees and Charges
(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to add new section on "Collection of Debt," reflecting **NEW LAW (AB 1974)** which prohibits negative action against a student or former student for a debt owed to the school and requires districts to provide parents/guardians with an itemized invoice that references applicable district policies. Regulation also revised to more directly reflect the most recent CDE fiscal advisory regarding student fees.

BP/AR 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage
(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect the 2019 limits for parent/guardian liability for property loss or damage caused by a child's willful misconduct and for any reward paid for information leading to the identification of persons responsible for property damage. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1974)** which prohibits the collection of debt owed by a current or former homeless or foster youth. Regulation updated to reflect the requirement to offer an option for a student to provide work in lieu of payment when the parents/guardians are unable to pay, and AB 1974 which allows the district, at its discretion, to offer any student, regardless of ability to pay, a nonmonetary means to settle debt. Regulation also adds a paragraph allowing the district to withhold a student's grades, diplomas, or transcripts until the damages have been recovered. Section on "Payment of Reward" deleted and key concepts moved to BP.

BP/AR 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance
(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to delete references to the Open Enrollment Act since schools are not currently being identified as low achieving based on the Academic Performance Index, update legal cites, and clarify the continuing requirement to register as a school district of choice with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and county board of education before enrolling students under that program. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2826)** which adds a requirement, applicable to districts that have entered into interdistrict attendance agreements, to post on their web site the procedures and timelines for requests for interdistrict transfer permits. Regulation also reflects timelines added by AB 2826 for notifying parents/guardians of the district's granting or denial of the transfer request, which differ for current-year and future-year transfer requests, and for the parent/guardian's appeal of the district's decision to the county office of education. In section on "School District of Choice Program," material deleted regarding the denial of a transfer into the district based on a negative impact on a desegregation plan or the racial/ethnic balance of the district, as such grounds are only applicable to transfers out of the district.

AR 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma and Transcripts
(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1974)** which allows districts to offer any student, other than a current or former homeless student, nonmonetary means to settle debt owed for property loss or damage resulting from the student's willful misconduct and to withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts until the work or other alternative is completed.

BP 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities
(BP revised)

Policy updated to provide optional language providing that passage of any of the three high school equivalency tests approved by the State Board of Education is not equivalent to completing all graduation requirements for participation in graduation ceremonies. Option for student-initiated, student-led prayer at graduation ceremonies deleted consistent with court decisions which suggest that such prayer could be unconstitutional. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1248)** which permits students to wear tribal regalia or recognized religious or cultural adornments to the cap and gown, unless the district determines that an item is likely to cause substantial disruption of the ceremony.

AR 5148 - Child Care and Development
(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 605)** which establishes a new child care center license and requires all centers to be licensed by January 1, 2024. Section on "Eligibility and Enrollment" updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2626)** which raises the income eligibility threshold for subsidized services from 70 to 85 percent of the state median income and provides that a family that establishes eligibility for services, regardless of the basis of eligibility, is generally entitled to receive services for at least 12 months before being recertified for eligibility. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2370)** which requires licensed child care programs to provide parents/guardians with information regarding lead exposure and blood testing.

BB/E 9323.2 - Actions by the Board
(BB/E(1)/E(2) revised)

Bylaw updated to reference the timelines by which a civil action may be filed to determine the applicability of the Brown Act to past board actions, and to clarify the circumstances under which a board action cannot be invalidated. Exhibit 1 updated to consolidate several items related to situating a community day school on an existing school site, add board action to respond to an emergency facilities condition without giving notice for bids to let contracts (requiring two-thirds vote for three-member boards, or four-fifths vote for five-member and seven-member boards), and reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2249)** which amends the threshold requirements for public works projects bid pursuant to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act. Section on "Actions Requiring a Unanimous Vote of the Board" updated to further explain the ability to authorize the use of day labor or force account and/or waive the competitive bid process when the board determines that an emergency exists. Exhibit 2 contains minor revision for clarity.