



JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD POLICY AGENDA
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JENNINGS, LOUISIANA
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 AFTER 5:00 P.M.

POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

MEETING TIME: Tuesday, October 16, 2018, directly after 5:00 p.m. Finance meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jody Singletary, Chairman, Charles Bruchhaus, David Capdeville and Donald Dees and David Troutman.

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I. VOTE TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND TO ADD NEW ITEMS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL AGENDA.

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II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION.

STAFF: Mona Miller, Staff Liaison/Curriculum Supervisor

1. School and Student Safety File: EBBB (New Policy)

Act 641 requires a process for reporting potential threats to school safety, having standardized forms to report threats, and other reporting avenues for students and school personnel to make reports to school officials. Along with law enforcement, districts must develop age and grade appropriate information to inform each student how to recognize and report potential threats to school safety that are posted on the internet. This information is to be posted on the district website as well as school websites.

When a threat is reported, Act 641 requires the school administrator to record on the standardized form the action taken by the school.

Procedures and processes should be developed by the district.

Act 716 requires school boards to develop and adopt a policy for investigating potential threats of violence or terrorism reported to a school administrator and definitions of school, threat of violence, and threat of terrorism.

Mandatory reporting to law enforcement is required if there is reasonable belief that the threat is credible and imminent. Other threats may be reported to the administration for their assessment of the severity of the threat. The investigation shall include interviews of the person reporting the threat, the person making the threat, witnesses that are privy to the threat, and gathering of pertinent evidence.

Any student reported to a local law enforcement agency for threats shall undergo a formal mental health evaluation before returning to school. One who is not a student reported to law enforcement for threats shall not be permitted within 500' of any school until he/she has undergone a formal medical or mental health evaluation and has been deemed by healthcare professional not to be dangerous to himself/herself or others.

All reporters shall be immune from liability unless the reporting was done maliciously or with intent to harm or deceive law enforcement.

2. **Emergency/Crisis Management File: EBBC**

Act 168 included a response plan should provide for parental notification in the event of a shooting or other violent incident or emergency.

3. Part II of School and Student Safety:

Threats of Terrorism or Violence File: JCDAG (New Policy)

This new policy is based on Act 716 and is part of the student section of the policy manual. Included are the definitions of threat of violence and threat of terrorism, the statutory requirement that any student reported to local law enforcement for such threats shall not be permitted to return to school until he/she has undergone a formal mental health evaluation.

Act 716 provides that threats are to be reported to school administrators, who investigate the report to determine if the threat is credible and imminent. If deemed imminent, the threat must be reported immediately to a law enforcement agency for further investigation.

4. **Bullying and Hazing File: JCDAF**

Act 641 requires the board to establish procedures for investigating threats which do not meet the credible belief standard requiring that they be reported to law enforcement. This act also mandates the use of standard forms and other reporting avenues for students and school personnel to make the report to school officials.

This policy has also been revised to incorporate related provisions and cross-referenced with these two new Policies: School and Student Safety and Threats of Terrorism or Violence.

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