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INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2017

To All Superintendents and Board Chairs,

In order to assist you in meeting new regulations associated with BP 6174.1 Education of Native/Indian Children, we are sending a new Exhibit 6174.1 to replace the Exhibit now in place. Our legal counsel recommends a full replacement of E 6174.1. As the attached instruction sheet notes, this exhibit requires no Board action as it is being updated to reflect the new USDOE regulations regarding Impact Aid applications.

Attached please find the updated Exhibit and instruction sheet.

Thanks,

Bob Whicker

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SEPTEMBER 2017 INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATE

INSTRUCTION SHEET

NOTE: This packet includes only those policy manual pages that have been revised, deleted or newly established. Full text pages are included and are to be substituted as indicated below.

For ease of School Boards, AASB has identified those portions of the Update that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. This is indicated by a “Yes” or “No.” A “No” is used if changes have been made only to an AR or an Exhibit, or if policy changes are limited to explanatory notes, legal reference or cross-reference updates, or minor grammatical or stylistic changes that have not changed the policy meaning.

REPLACE/ADD	FORMAL ADOPTION REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
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ARTICLE 6, Series 6000 – Instruction

E 6174.1	No	<p><u>EDUCATION OF NATIVE/INDIAN CHILDREN</u></p> <p>The Exhibit for BP 6174.1 was updated to reflect new Department of Education sample Indian Policies and Procedures. The Exhibit contains sample policies provided directly by the DOE. The Exhibit fully replaces the previous E 6174.1. The Exhibit may be used as a template for development of IPPs necessary for Impact Aid applications. The adoption of the Exhibit does not require board approval. However, the finalized IPPs developed by utilizing the Exhibit will require board approval.</p>
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Note: Districts receiving federal Impact Aid are required to have “IPPs” or Indian Policies and Procedures. The following sample was adopted from sample policies issued by the Department of Education.

The Kuspuk School District’s goal under the Indian Policies and Procedures [IPP] is to ensure that all American Indian children of school age have equal access to all programs, services, and activities provided by the school district.

The District will establish policies and procedures to ensure that children residing on Indian lands participate in programs and activities supported by impact aid funds on an equal basis with all other children. Parents of these children will be afforded an opportunity to present their views on these programs and activities, including the opportunity to make recommendations on the needs of those children and how the district may help these children realize the benefits of these programs and activities. Parents and Indian Tribes will be consulted and involved in the planning and development of these programs and activities and the relevant applications, evaluations, and program plans will be disseminated to the parents and the Indian Tribe.

It is the intent of the district to fully comply with all requirements of Title VIII (Impact Aid Program) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (formerly Public Law 81-874, amended 8/2/02), 34 CFR 222.94, and to that end, the Governing Board has adopted as policy these Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs). The IPPs by intent and by School Board action supersede all previous School Board action and are intended to bind the Governing Board, administration, and staff of the district.

ATTESTATIONS

The Kuspuk School District attests that it has established Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs) as required in section 7004 of the Impact Aid law for any children claimed who reside on eligible Indian lands. The IPPs have been adequately disseminated to the tribes and parents of children residing on eligible Indian lands. A copy of the current policies and procedures was attached to the **FY ____** Impact Aid application.

The Kuspuk School District attests that it has provided a copy of written responses to comments, concerns and recommendations received from tribal leaders and parents of Indian children through the Indian policies and procedures consultation process and disseminated these responses to tribal leaders and parents of Indian children prior to the submission of their **FY ____** Impact Aid application.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following Indian policies and procedures become effective upon school board approval.

POLICY 1: The Kuspuk School District will disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans and information related to the District’s education program and activities with sufficient advance notice to allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity to review and make recommendations.

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Procedure 1:

The District Administrator/designee will, as soon as reasonably possible after such information becomes available, but not later than one week in advance of any meeting, mail to Indian parents and Tribal officials a copy of the following documents:

- Impact Aid Fiscal Year _____ application;
- Evaluation of all educational programs; and
- Plans for education programs the District intends to initiate or eliminate.

In addition, information regarding these materials will be included in the District's monthly newsletter, if appropriate.

Parents of Indian children, tribal officials and the public will be given notice of any and all meetings related to equal participation or the content of the educational program by including information about meeting times and locations in the questionnaire to be disseminated in the fall. The location, date and time of any meeting described above shall be posted in the same manner as a legally posted School Board meeting.

The District will disseminate information and seek timely input regarding the following programs on its educational program (including, but not limited to): Title I, Part A, Title I, Part C, Title I, Part D, Title II, Part A, Title III, Part A, Title IV, Part A, Title IV, Part B, Title V, Part B subpart 2, Title VI, Part A, subpart 1, Title VII-Impact Aid programs, Johnson O'Malley programming.

The completed applications, evaluations, and program planning will be made available to parents of Indian children, Tribal officials, and the Indian Education Committee and a summary will be prepared and disseminated _____ days/weeks in advance of public hearings held in _____ and _____ (enter months of meetings) to afford all interested parties the opportunity to review the documents with sufficient time to provide thoughtful input at the public meetings. These hearings will be publically advertised by radio, advertisement, newsletter or in writing to allow all interested parties to attend. In addition, representatives from the District and Indian Education Committee will schedule meetings with the local tribe to seek input.

Parents of Indian children, tribal officials, the Indian Education Committee and any other interested persons can review assessment data to help develop or modify educational programs and services allowing for the participation of Indian students on an equal basis in the district.

Minutes from the Indian Education meetings will be posted on the District's website for all patrons and Tribal officials to review. This will allow for ongoing dissemination of information.

POLICY (2): The Kuspuk School District will provide an opportunity for the affected tribe or tribes and parents of Indian children to provide their views on the District's educational program and activities, including recommendations on the needs of their children and on how the District may help those children realize the benefits of the educational programs and activities.

- (i) Notify tribes and the parents of Indian children of the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations, considering the tribe's preference for method of communication, and

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- (ii) Modify the method of and time for soliciting Indian views, if necessary, to ensure the maximum participation of tribes and parents of Indian children.

Procedure 2:

In order to allow Indian parents and tribal officials to make commentary concerning (1) the needs of their children and the ways in which they can assist them in realizing the benefits of the education programs; (2) the overall operation of the District's education program; and (3) the degree of parental participation allowed in the same, the Board will mail parents of Indian children and Tribal officials a questionnaire requesting their input and recommendations in the fall and will thereafter hold an annual Board meeting where such commentary may be reviewed by Indian parents, Tribal officials, and the School Board.

Indian parents and Tribal officials will be given notice of any and all meetings by including in the above-referred questionnaire to be disseminated in the fall semester information as to the location of legally posted School Board notices. The location, date and time of any meeting described above shall be posted in the same manner as a legally posted School Board meeting.

If participation in the survey results in a low return rate or the established meeting yield low participation by the parents of Indian children and tribal officials, the District will re-evaluate its plan and consult with parents of Indian children and tribal officials on ways to improve and enhance participation in the consultation process. The District may re-locate meetings or times to encourage participation.

The Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee) of the District will meet _____ (monthly, quarterly, etc.) for the purpose of addressing comments and concerns of parents of Indian children regarding the District's educational programs and activities. The meeting agendas shall be posted and all meetings shall be open to the public allowing for tribal officials as well as parents of Indian children the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations for consideration.

A school board representative is a non-voting member of the Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee). This representation allows for the discussion of needs of the students and ideas to be brought forward to both the Indian Education Committee as well as the School Board.

At each of the _____ (monthly, quarterly, etc) school board meetings, a section of time is set aside for communications from the public. This is a time to offer comments and suggestions regarding programming for Indian students. In addition, two public hearings are scheduled in _____ (enter months) which are specifically devoted to addressing questions regarding federal programs. Based upon suggestions, preferred methods of communication as well as ways to maximize participation from tribal officials as well as parents of Indian children will be seriously considered.

Information will be included in student handbooks/enrollment packets regarding opportunities to provide input to the District.

The District and Indian Education Committee representatives will schedule meetings with the affected tribe or tribes to discuss ongoing programing goals.

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POLICY (3): The Kuspuk School District will annually assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the District's education program and activities.

- (i) Share relevant information related to Indian children's participation in the District's education program and activities with tribes and parents of Indian children; and
- (ii) Allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity and time to review and comment on whether Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children.

Procedure 3:

The District will take the following measures to annually assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the District's education program and activities.

- A. The District will monitor Indian student participation in all academic and co-curricular activities.
- B. School district officials will review school data to assess the extent of Indian children's participation in the District's educational programs on an equal basis.
- C. The District will share its assessment of district funding, Indian student participation, related academic achievements and other related data will be shared with the parents of Indian children and tribal officials by (mail, email, posting at tribal offices, etc.).
- D. Parents of Indian children, tribal officials and other interested parties may express their views on participation through direct communication with the school district, at any school board meeting or to the Indian Education Committee (School Advisory Committee)
- E. Copies of annual reports will be provided to tribal officials.

The District shall annually calculate from its records the ratio of Indian children compared to other children participating academic and co-curricular programs ("school data").

Annually, the District Administrator (or a designee), administrators, staff members, the Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee), Indian parents, and Tribal officials will hold a meeting to assess the extent of Indian children's participation in the educational program. At such meeting, attendees will analyze the school data and Tribal/parental commentary to determine the extent of equality of Indian children's participation with other children.

The District will disseminate the results of the assessment of Indian participation to parents of Indian children and tribal officials within _____ (days/weeks) of publication by _____ (mail, e-mail, posting at tribal offices, etc.)

Parents of Indian children or tribal officials may comment on the results at regularly scheduled school board meetings, Indian Education Committee (School Advisory Committee) meetings, directly to the school district by (phone, email, writing, etc.). In addition, parents of Indian children and tribal officials may comment in the fall and spring semester through a questionnaire requesting information concerning their views as to the extent of Indian children's participation in educational programs on an equal basis with other children.

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The Kuspuk School Board will establish a task force or an ad hoc committee of Indian parents, Tribal officials, and staff members to assist in the modification of educational programs in order to ensure the equal participation of Indian children. Such committee shall make recommendations to the Board as to any needed modifications. The School Board shall give deference to the suggestions of the committee in voting on proposed modifications.

The District shall annually analyze participation rates of Indian children compared to other children in all aspects of the educational program and school sponsored activities.

The District's Superintendent and school staff, in conjunction with the Indian Education Committee, will review annual survey data and comments gathered from families and students.

The results of the data and its comments will be shared with all interested parties in the district. In addition, comments and/or suggestions brought forth from these conversations will become part of the Committee's approved minutes.

This data will be utilized to develop appropriate supports for various programs.

During the public hearings that are scheduled, the school district will gather information relating to Indian children's participation in the District's education programs and activities. This information will also be made available to the parents of Indian children, tribal officials and the Indian Education Committee (Parental Advisory Committee) via _____ (mail, email, posting at tribal offices, etc.)

If it is determined that there are gaps in Indian participation in the educational program or activities, the School Board in consultation with the Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee) and tribal officials, will modify its education program in such a way as to improve Indian participation.

POLICY (4): The Kuspuk School District will modify the IPPs if necessary, based upon the results of any assessment or input described in this document.

Procedure 4:

During the organization meeting of the Indian Education Committee (School Advisory Committee), the Indian Policies and Procedures will be reviewed and revised if necessary. Once this had happened, the document will be forwarded to the School Board as well as the tribal officials and parents of Indian children for review and consideration. If necessary, the Indian Education Committee may suggest revisions at other times of the year as appropriate. Any updates will be sent to parents of Indian children and tribal officials within _____ (days/weeks) of adoption by the School Board.

The School Board will establish an ad hoc committee of Indian parents and Tribal officials ("the Indian/Parent Committee") to annually review the components the Indian Policies and Procedures to ensure that they meet federal regulatory and statutory requirements.

The Indian/Parent Committee shall serve as a task force to review the meaningfulness of Indian input, to review the extent of opportunity for Indian input and to review the District's response to Indian commentary. The Committee will review the effectiveness of the District's methods of gathering the input

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The District will hold a School Board meeting to modify policies and procedures if the Indian/Parent committee indicates such modification is necessary.

The District will notify parents of Indian children, tribal officials and the general public of any changes to the Indian Policies and Procedures by mail and posting at tribal offices.

POLICY (5): The Kuspuk School District will respond at least annually in writing to comments and recommendations made by tribes or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to the tribe and parents of Indian children prior to the submission of the IPPs by the District.

Procedure 5:

The District will at least annually respond in writing to comments and recommendations made by the Indian Education Committee (School Advisory Committee), tribal officials, or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to all parties by mail or posting at tribal offices, prior to the submission of the IPPs by the District.

POLICY (6): The Kuspuk School District will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to the affected tribe or tribes.

Procedure 6:

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Dated_____

Bernard Grieve, Superintendent Kuspuk School District

Dated_____

Sign & Print Name: IPP Committee Rep

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