

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Topic: Magnet/Specialty School Policy (Section 4.60) (2nd Reading)

Short Summary:

LRSD and the Equity Division of ADE agreed to update the Magnet and Specialty School policy. The primary target was to develop a policy that reflects our current practice as well as provide a tool to understand magnet and specialty schools.

Background:

Magnet and specialty schools were established in LRSD in 1987.

Members of LRSD magnet schools, FHSA and SRO worked in concert with Mr. Oliver Dillingham and Ms. Johnson in the Equity Division to develop the draft we are proposing for CAB approval. Our primary goal was to ensure equal access, equity and clarity. After we were able to finalize the draft, we submitted it to the ADE legal team for final approval to ensure it met all components of the law.

Recommendation:

The Division of Student Services respectfully requests your input and recommendation of a Magnet and Specialty School Choice option/policy to be submitted to the Commissioner.

Action Steps to be taken:

We will post the policy on the website, update the SRO handbook, and publicize in handbooks of magnet and specialty schools.

Key Points:

It was a collaborative process between LRSD and ADE.

Principals of the magnet and specialty schools were part of the review process and provided feedback.

Reviewed by the Superintendent's Cabinet.

Revised to include input from Community Advisory Board.

Key Players:

Dr. Frederick Fields, Sr. Director of Student Services; Eric Walker, Staff Attorney, Mr. Oliver Dillingham and Lasonia Johnson of the Equity Division at ADE; Courtney Salas-Ford, Deputy

General Counsel at ADE; Jennifer Dedman, Attorney Supervisor at ADE.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Date submitted 10/17/19 Submitted by Dr. Frederick Fields, Sr. Director of Student Services

Attachment: Draft Policy Section 4.60