

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 12.5

REVISED 6-3-15

Meeting Date: June 4, 2015

Subject: Revision to BP 5127 – Graduation Ceremonies

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Department: Academics

Recommendation: Approve revisions to BP 5127 to allow for students to participate in graduation ceremonies even if they have not yet passed both sections of the CAHSEE. It is anticipated that CDE will not offer CAHSEE exams this summer as would otherwise be the normal practice because of the changes to the exit examination requirement currently taking place at the state level.

Background/Rationale: The Superintendent possesses the discretion to allow for students who have not yet completed, but will complete graduation requirements during the summer, to participate in graduation ceremonies pending such. Since CDE will not be offering the usual CAHSEE exams this summer for those students who have not yet passed the exam, fairness dictates that those students be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Financial Considerations: NA

LCAP Goal(s): College and Career Ready Students; Family and Community Engagement

Documents Attached:

1. BP 5127 revised; BP 5127 red lined with revisions

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and principal of the district. The Board of Education believes that the standards

graduation ceremonies only, any 12th grade student who has not yet passed the CAHSEE requirement but who has satisfied all other graduation requirements, participate in graduation ceremonies.

(cf. 5125.2 -Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)

(cf. 6146.1 -High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency)

provisions and regulations that are included in the school district's policies or

(cf. 1330 -Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 5145.2 -Freedom of Speech/Expression: Publication Code)

51412 Standards of proficiency

Harris v. Joint School District #241 (November 18, 1994) No. 93-339, U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

Lee v. Weisman, (1992) 112 S.Ct. 2649

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Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971) 403 U.S. 602

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Fowler v. Board of Education of the Hickory Administrative School Unit (1978) 448 F. Supp. 497

Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

0516.39 Granting credit for passing GED, SPB:88/89

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Board Policy

Graduation Ceremonies And Activities

BP 5127

Students

High school graduation ceremonies shall be held to recognize those students who have successfully completed the requirements for graduation, passed all proficiency standards, and thereby earned the right to receive a diploma. The Governing Board believes that these students deserve a public celebration that recognizes the significance of their learning achievement and encourages them to continue the pursuit of learning throughout their lives. For Spring 2015 graduation ceremonies only, any 10th grade student who has not yet passed the CAHSEE requirement, but who has satisfied all other graduation requirements, may participate in graduation ceremonies.

(cf. 5125.2 -Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)

(cf. 6146.1 -High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency)

Invocations and/or benedictions shall not be included in graduation ceremonies. Ceremonies or programs involving prayer for graduates may not be sponsored by the school or district.

(cf. 1330 -Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 5145.2 -Freedom of Speech/Expression: Publication Code)

Disciplinary Considerations

38119 Lease of personal property; caps and gowns

48904 Liability of parent or guardian; withholding of grades, diplomas, transcripts

51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students

5140051403 Elementary school diploma

51410 Diplomas: no indication of intellectual classification

51411 Residence as condition for graduation; prohibition

51412 Standards of proficiency

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