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Agenda Item 8.7

Board of Education Action Item
August 10, 2021

Topic:
Consideration Adoption of MCBE P 5221 Independent Study for 2021-2022

Background:
With the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 130 (Ch. 44, Stats. 2021), school districts and county offices of education are required to offer independent study for the 2021-2022 school year, with changes to the traditional independent study program. Please refer to MCBE P AR 5220. The distance learning format that was provided in 2020-2021 is no longer available.

Financial Impact:
None

Resource:
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Recommendation:
It is recommended the Board adopt MCBE Policy 5221 Independent Study for 2021-2022

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Independent Study for 2021-2022 MCBE P 5221

The Madera County Board of Education has previously authorized independent study as an optional alternative instructional strategy for eligible students whose needs may be met through study outside of the regular classroom setting (MCBE P 5220 Independent Study). With the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 130 (Ch. 44, Stats. 2021, hereafter "AB 130"), school districts and county offices of education are required to offer independent study for the 2021-2022 school year, with limited exceptions.

Education Code section 51747, as it read prior to July 8, 2021, provided that a local education agency shall not be eligible to receive apportionments for independent study unless it has adopted and implemented written policies as specified in that statute. AB 130 continues the requirement for local educational agencies to adopt and implement written policies, and adds additional content required to be included in such policies. This policy is intended to supplement MCBE P 5220 and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5220 to include the additional requirements of AB 130. To the extent that there is any conflict between this policy and MCBE P 5220 and AR 5220, the provisions of this policy shall govern.

Administrative Regulations MCBE P AR 5220 implementing this policy are in compliance with AB 130.

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