

AMENDMENT OF POLICY IC – SCHOOL YEAR

Proposed Action and Motion:

I move to amend Governing Board Policy IC, "School Year" as recommended and presented to the Governing Board for approval, which will revise the first sentence of the Policy to state as follows:

"School instruction shall be conducted for school sessions that total at least one hundred eighty (180) days each school year or an equivalent number of minutes of instruction per school year as defined by State law, based on a different number of days of instruction approved by the Governing Board."

Rationale:

Because of the absence of teaching personnel during certain days in April and May 2018 and resulting closure of schools on those days, the District will have fewer than the minimum 180 instructional days required per Governing Policy IC. However, A.R.S. §15-341.01, which requires at least 180 days of instruction per year also states in section (B): "For the purposes of this section, 'one hundred eighty days' means one hundred eighty days of instruction or an equivalent number of minutes of instruction per school year based on a different number of days of instruction approved by the school district governing board or charter school governing board."

The District anticipates that currently it will not have a minimum of 180 days of instruction for the 2017-2018 school year. If the Governing Board amends Policy IC as recommended, the District may rely upon providing the equivalent number of minutes over the fewer number of days for 2017-2018 and as needed and appropriate in future years.

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The school year shall be not less than one hundred eighty (180) instructional days.

Each instructional day shall consist of not less than the minimum amount of time prescribed in A.R.S. 15-901 for each respective program level. Variance from this requirement may be sought under A.R.S. 15-861.

The Board shall establish the school calendar each year after recommendations from the Superintendent.

Adopted: date of manual adoption

LEGAL REF.: A.R.S. 15-341.01 (Laws 2000, 5th S.S., Ch 1 § 54)

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