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TO : Schools Legal Service Clients
FROM: Alan B. Harris
DATE : May 18, 2021
RE : Annual Notice to Parents/Guardians (2021-22)

The attached updated model Annual Notice is for assisting school districts in meeting their annual notice requirements for the 2021-22 school year. In addition, attached is a redline/strikeout version highlighting the revisions made to last year's model. The new revisions include:

- Several minor changes updating references to statutes, regulations and policies, and deleting outdated or unnecessary information;
- Several stylistic changes designed to tighten up sentence structure and/or clarifying meaning;
- A major revision to the "Immunizations" section. The revisions reflect SB 276 (2019) and SB 714 (2019) which set out new rules for medical exemptions. The revision at page 17 explains the new rules.
- A major revision to the "Uniform Complaint Procedures" (UCP) section. The revision reflects new state regulations (Register 2020, No. 21) which limits the applicability of the UCP for complaints regarding special education and child nutrition programs. The revision also reorganizes the list of programs that are subject to the UCP to more directly reflect the California Department of Education's (CDE) 2020-21 Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) instrument. The revisions begin on page 38.
- A major revision to the "Complaints Regarding Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials, Teacher Vacancies or Mis-assignment and the Condition of School Facilities" section. This category of complaints is commonly referred to as "Williams Act" complaints. By AB 10 (2017), E.C. section 35292.6 expanded the scope of Williams Act complaints to also include non-compliance with the requirement that schools serving any of grades 6-12, in which 40 percent or more of the students are from low-income families, to stock at least half of the restrooms with feminine hygiene products and to not charge students for the use of such products. The revision is on page 41.

- The addition of a major new section that is devoted exclusively to sexual harassment/discrimination and the new federal Title IX regulations (85 Fed. Reg. 30026) regarding the procedures for investigating and resolving sexual harassment complaints. The new addition begins on page 43.

The new or newly revised provisions are highlighted and accompanied by this symbol:



Any questions or concerns regarding the Annual Notice may be communicated to Schools Legal Service, attention Al Harris at sls@kern.org.

Attachment: Model Annual Notice, Revised May 2021
Redline/Strikeout Annual Notice (from 2020-21)