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MEMORANDUM

Integrated Services and Human Resources

Meeting of: August 24, 2016

TO: Wendy S. Tukloff, Ed.D., Superintendent
For Board of Trustees

FROM: Ray Avila, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: AR 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
First Reading

Background

It was decided at the August 3, 2016 Board meeting to pull and bring back this Administrative Regulation (AR) for First Reading to the August 24, 2016 Board meeting to allow all of the Board of Trustees to have a discussion regarding the word “may” located in the highlighted paragraph on page 5 of the AR.

Attached is the current Pacifica School District Administrative Regulation 5141.4 (Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting) with revisions. Also attached for the Board to review is Education Code 44691 that states in section (2)d that school districts are “encouraged” to participate in training on the prevention of abuse and “encouraged” to provide all school employees with this type of training at least once every three years.

District practice is to inform our Principals and department Directors on an annual basis the information that is to be included in beginning of the year training. AB 1432 California School Personnel: Mandated Reporter Training requires that all school personnel, including substitute employees, be trained in prevention and reporting of child abuse. PSD uses a training module offered by Keenan, a California Insurance brokerage consulting firm. The Principals and Directors facilitate this training and complete documentation that is kept on file at the District office confirming the training occurred.

Although our district practice is an annual training for the prevention and reporting of child abuse, it is recommended that the Trustees adopt the attached PSD AR with revisions, including the word “may” on page 5 to allow for flexibility for the training.