



SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

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Office of the Superintendent

Executive Summary Board Date: April 27, 2004 (First Reading)

SUBJECT: Student Discipline Policies and Revisions for Elementary Schools		OPEN/ACTION
	X	INFORMATION
		CONSENT

Recommendation(s):

The Superintendent recommends that the Board direct staff to return for a second reading of this report on May 11, 2004, and adopt the proposals made in the attached report, effective the start of the 2004-05 school year.

Summary of Previous Board of Education Discussion and Action:

The Board has promulgated rules and regulations governing student discipline and adopted Administrative Procedure No. 6590 (Suspension), No. 6095 (Expulsion) and No. 6098 (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs). Additionally, the Board has also adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy for weapons, violent acts and repeated fighting. The Zero Tolerance Policy does not apply to elementary school students.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

Over the past school year, Board members have expressed concerns regarding District student discipline policies and procedures. In particular, Board members have noted the lack of consistency between elementary school principals when disciplining students who commit serious offenses, i.e., offenses that ordinarily require a recommendation for expulsion under state law or for middle and high school students under the District Zero Tolerance Policy. In addition, Board members have expressed concerns about the lack of systemic procedures to ensure that elementary school students who commit serious offenses, but are not recommended for expulsion, receive appropriate interventions to address his or her conduct. District staff proposes revisions to current student discipline policies and procedures to address Board member concerns.

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no budget implications anticipated.

General Counsel

Chief of Staff