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To: Board of Education
From: Mark Maus
Re: MSBA 2024B Recommendations
Date: Oct. 16, 2024

Members of the Board of Education,

Through our partnership with Missouri State School Board Association (MSBA) each year they make recommendations of policy changes based on new or modifications in Missouri in state statutes, federal law, or court cases that have impacted current policy. Traditionally, MSBA will recommend several policy revisions each year and this is the second recommendation they have made for 2024.

Below is a portion of the update letter they provided with the policy recommendations:

"The changes in this update are primarily based on recent changes in Missouri state law. Changes include adding two new grounds for closing meetings or records under the Sunshine Law (information from tip lines and suspicious activity reports), billing back districts for the enrollment of non-resident students, requirements for background checks for adults on school campus during school hours, and a provision on adult learners. New law calls for permanent retention of special education records, but it is unclear whether this includes all special education records or only the most recent records, so MSBA has recommended language that the district will preserve such records according to law. Other changes include a consolidated policy on gifts to the district, memorials, and crowdfunding.

As always, the explanations on the first page of each document include information and instructions that will assist the board and administration in understanding why these documents are being updated and how to modify the documents to best suit the district. Please read these documents and the accompanying explanations carefully.

The 2024B Update does not contain any new or revised forms."

This is the third of three readings and the recommendation would be to approve the MSBA recommendations as presented.