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R 1240 EVALUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT

A. Frequency of Evaluation

The Superintendent shall be evaluated annually.

B. Evaluation Criteria

1. Job description;
2. Annual goals;
3. The following criteria as enumerated by the N.J.S.B.A. shall also be used:
 - a. Ability to manage;
 - b. Ability to lead;
 - c. Ability to make decisions;
 - d. Ability to communicate;
 - e. Supervision and staff development;
 - f. Responsiveness to others;
 - g. Creativity;
 - h. Ability to maintain an effective educational climate;
 - i. Effective implementation of Board policies and procedures;
 - j. Use of physical and financial resources of the district in a judicious manner; and
 - k. Demonstration of a broad knowledge of matters that will aid in effectively managing the school district.



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C. Collection and Reporting of Evaluation Data

1. The Board shall collect appropriate data to properly evaluate the Superintendent.
2. The Board shall appoint not more than four members to collect the data.
3. The Superintendent shall cooperate with members of the Board designated to collect the data.

D. Preparation of Written Evaluation Report

1. The Board shall in a committee session consider all of the collected data.
2. The Board shall discuss the data and evaluate the Superintendent based on the evaluation criteria as described in B. above.
3. The Board shall designate one individual to prepare a draft of the written evaluation document.
4. The Board shall review the draft evaluation document and determined required revisions.
5. The Board shall by majority vote approve the evaluation document and have it approved by a majority vote of the Board.

E. Conduct of Annual Performance Conference

1. The Board shall conduct the evaluation conference.
2. The Chairperson of the Board shall chair a private session of the Committee, at which the Superintendent is present.
3. The Superintendent shall have the right to discuss the evaluation with the Board and file any exceptions to the evaluation in writing.
4. Any exceptions filed by the Superintendent shall be included with any copy of the Board's evaluation.

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Evaluation of School Business Administrator

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R 1330 EVALUATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

A. Frequency of Evaluation

The Superintendent will evaluate the performance of the School Business Administrator ~~annually, no later than April 30, or more frequently as the Superintendent deems necessary.~~ **three times each year.**

B. Purpose

The evaluation of the School Business Administrator shall be for the purpose of:

1. Promoting professional excellence and improving the skills of the School Business Administrator;
2. Improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the financial management system;
3. Reviewing the performance of the School Business Administrator against specific criteria developed by the Superintendent in consultation with the Board.

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R 1400 JOB DESCRIPTIONS

- A. A job description shall be prepared for each position in the district, including all administrative, educational specialist, instructional, and support staff positions. Job descriptions are not required for temporary, substitute or positions providing less than .5 FTE employment and **stipend position implications** are incorporated by reference into the District's administration regulation manual.
- B. Each job description must include:
1. The goal(s) of the position.
 2. The qualifications of the position holder including, but not limited to, required certificates, endorsements, or licenses.
 3. The expected contributions of the position holder to the district mission and goals, expressed as job outcomes.
 4. The key working relationships of the position within and outside the school district.
- C. Each job description will:
1. Be written in clear language;
 2. Whenever possible, be generic in form, covering a number of specific positions;
 3. Be written in the same format, using the active voice and present tense, operational verbs, common terminology, and a direct, simple style; and
 4. Be gender neutral or employ both male and female pronouns.
- D. The Personnel Department will maintain the district manual of job descriptions in electronic form. Job descriptions will be reviewed annually by administrators and the employees they supervise in conjunction with the evaluation process. Recommended changes will be forwarded to the Personnel Department by the administrator.
- E. The Director of Personnel will ensure that employees and administrators have access to current job descriptions and will provide appropriate notice when job descriptions are changed.

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R 1510 RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS OR DISABILITIES/ NON-DISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Board of Education that no qualified handicapped/disabled person shall, on the basis of handicap/disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in employment or under any program, activity or vocational opportunities sponsored by this Board. The Board shall comply with §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The Board shall also comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act through the implementation of Policy No. 2460 and Regulations Nos. 2460 through 2460.14.

DEFINITIONS

Handicapped/Disabled Person - means any person who (1) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities and includes specific learning disabilities, (2) has a record of such impairment, or (3) is regarded as having such an impairment. (34 CFR sec. 104.3(j))

Disability - means a pupil with mental retardation, hearing impairments including deafness, speech or language impairments, visual impairments including blindness, serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments or specific learning disabilities and who by reason thereof, needs special education and related services 20 U.S. 1401 §602(A), or an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual. 42 U.S.C. §1201 §3.

Physical or Mental Impairment - means (1) any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal, special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive, digestive, genito-urinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or (2) any mental or physiological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities. (34 CFR sec. 104.3(j)(2)(i))

Major Life Activities - means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. (34 CFR sec. 104.3(j)(2)(ii)). **Has a record of such impairment** - means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having, a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. (34 CFR sec. 104.3(j)(2)(iii)). **Is regarded as having an impairment** - means (1) has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but



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that is treated by a recipient as constituting such a limitation; (2) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such impairment, or (3) has none of the impairments defined above, but is treated by a recipient as having such an impairment. (34 CFR sec. 104.3(j)(2)(iv))

Recipient - Any State or its political subdivision, including this Board of Education. (34 CFR sec. 104.3(f))

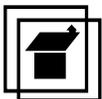
Qualified Handicapped/Disabled Person - means:

1. With respect to employment, a handicapped/disabled person who, with reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job in question;
2. With respect to public preschool, elementary, secondary, or adult educational services, a handicapped/disabled person (1) of an age during which nonhandicapped/nondisabled persons are provided such services, (2) of any age during which it is mandatory under State or Federal law to provide such services to handicapped/disabled persons, or (3) to whom a State is required to provide a free appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
3. With respect to post secondary and vocational educational services, a handicapped/disabled person who meets the academic and technical standards requisite to admission or participation in the school district's education program or activity; and
4. With respect to other services, a handicapped/disabled person who meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of such services. (34 CFR sec. 104.3(k)(1-4))

Handicap - means any condition or characteristic that renders a person handicapped/disabled.

Disability - means any condition or characteristic that renders a person disabled.

Aids, Benefits, and Services - means aids, benefits and services to be equally effective, are not required to produce the identical result or level of achievement for handicapped/disabled and nonhandicapped/nondisabled persons, but must afford handicapped/disabled persons equal opportunity to obtain the same result, gain the same benefit, or reach the same level of achievement, in the most integrated setting appropriate to the person's needs. (34 CFR sec. 104.4(b)(2))



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Act - means the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112, as amended by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1974, Public Law 93-516, 29 U.S.C. 794, the Americans with Disabilities Act 42 U.S.C. §1201 et seq., and the Individuals with Disabilities Act 20 U.S. 1400 et seq.

"Aggrieved individual" means a qualified handicapped/disabled person who alleges a grievance or the representative of such qualified handicapped/disabled person.

"Board of Education" means the Board of Education of the Randolph School District.

"Complainant" means a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a qualified handicapped/disabled pupil or qualified handicapped/disabled person who files a grievance in accordance with the grievance procedure.

"Compliance Officer" means the district official responsible for the coordination of activities relating to compliance with §504.

"Day" means either calendar or working day as specified.

"Employee" means an individual who receives remuneration from the school district for services rendered.

"Grievance" means an unresolved problem concerning the interpretation or application by an officer or employee of this school district of law and regulations regarding discrimination by reason of handicap/disability.

"Immediate supervisor" means any employee responsible for, or exercising any degree of supervision or authority over another employee or pupil.

"Intermediate supervisor" means the administrator to whom the immediate supervisor is directly responsible.

"Pupil" means an individual enrolled in any formal educational program provided by the school district.

"School district" means the Randolph School District.



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District Coordinator

The Board will appoint a District Coordinator to coordinate its efforts to comply with the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title IX. Such procedures to coordinate its efforts to comply with the act will be contained in this Regulation for pupils, employees and other qualified persons. The District Coordinator will be responsible for the initial evaluation of all allegations, reasonable accommodations, if required, and re-evaluations. The District Coordinator will comply with the mediation and due process requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A-14-2.6 and 6A:14-2.7 where applicable in cases arising from §504.

Notice

The Board shall notify members of the community, applicants, including those with impaired vision or hearing, and unions/associations within the school district, that the Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of handicap/disability in violation of §504 or the Americans with Disabilities Act. This notice may include any of the following methods: the posting of notices, publication in local newspapers and magazines and/or distribution of memoranda or other written communications. The policy and regulation may be reprinted in part or in full and distributed to serve as adequate notice.

State or Local Law

The obligation to comply with the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act is not obviated or alleviated by the existence of any State or local law or other requirement that, on the basis of handicap/disability, imposes prohibitions or limits upon the eligibility of qualified handicapped/disabled persons to receive services or to practice any occupation or profession, or because employment opportunities in any occupation or profession are or may be more limited for handicapped/disabled persons than nonhandicapped/nondisabled persons.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Discrimination Prohibited

No qualified handicapped/disabled person shall, on the basis of handicap/disability, be subjected to discrimination in employment under any program or activity to which the Act applies. The Board of Education will take positive steps to employ and advance in employment qualified handicapped/disabled persons in programs assisted under the Act. The Board of Education will make all decisions concerning employment under any program or activity to which the Act applies in a manner which ensures that discrimination on the basis of handicap/disability does not occur and may not limit, segregate, or classify applicants or employees in any way that adversely affects their opportunities or status because of handicap/disability.



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The Board of Education will not participate in a contractual or other relationship that has the effect of subjecting qualified handicapped/disabled applicants or employees to discrimination prohibited by the Rehabilitation Act. This shall apply to

1. Recruitment, advertising, and the processing of applications for employment;
2. Hiring, upgrading, promotion, award of tenure, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, right of return from layoff and rehiring;
3. Rates of pay or any other form of compensation and changes in compensation;
4. Job assignments, job classifications, organizational structures, position descriptions, lines of progression, and seniority lists;
5. Leaves of absences, sick leave, or other leave;
6. Fringe benefits available by virtue of employment, whether or not administered by the Board of Education;
7. Selection and financial support for training including apprenticeship, professional meetings, conferences, and other related activities, and selection for leaves of absences to pursue training;
8. Employer sponsored activities, including social or recreational programs; and
9. Any other term, condition, or privilege of employment.

The Board of Education's obligation to comply with these requirements is not affected by any inconsistent term or any collective bargaining agreement to which the Board is a party.

Reasonable Accommodation

The Board of Education will make reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitation of any otherwise qualified handicapped/disabled applicant or employee unless the Board can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the program. Reasonable accommodation may include making facilities used by employees readily accessible to and usable by handicapped/disabled persons and job restructuring, part-time or modified work schedules, acquisition or modification of equipment or devices, the provision of readers or interpreters, and other similar actions. In determining whether the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the program, the Board of Education will consider:



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1. The overall size of the school district's program with respect to the number of employees, number and type of facilities and the size of the budget;
2. The type of operation, including the composition and structure of the school district's workforce; and
3. The nature and cost of the accommodation needed.

The Board of Education will not deny any employment opportunity to a qualified handicapped/disabled employee or applicant if the basis of the denial is the need to make reasonable accommodation to the physical or mental limitations of the employee or applicant.

Employment Criteria

The Board of Education and its administration will not use any employment test or other selection criterion that screens out or tends to screen out handicapped/disabled persons or any class of handicapped/disabled persons unless the test score or other selection criterion is shown to be job-related for the position in question and alternative job-related tests or criteria that do not screen out as many handicapped/disabled persons shown by the Coordinator to be available. The Board of Education and its administration may select and administer tests concerning employment so as to best ensure that when administered to an applicant or employee who has a handicap/disability that impairs sensory, manual, or speaking skills, the test results accurately reflect the applicant's or employee's job skills, aptitude, or whatever factor the test purports to measure, rather than reflecting the applicant's or employee's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills (except where those skills are the factors that the test purports to measure).

Pre-employment Inquiries

Except as provided for in this regulation and the Rehabilitation Act, the Board of Education and its administration, will not conduct pre-employment medical examination and will not make pre-employment inquiry of an applicant as to whether the applicant is a handicapped/disabled person or as to the nature or severity of the handicap/disability. The school district may make pre-employment inquiry into an applicant's ability to perform job related functions.

When the Board of Education is taking remedial action to correct effects of past discrimination or to overcome the effects of conditions that resulted in limited participation in its Federally assisted program or activity, as provided for in the Rehabilitation Act, or when the Board is taking affirmative action pursuant to §504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Board may invite applicants for employment to indicate whether and to what extent they are handicapped/disabled. This is permitted provided the Board states clearly on a written questionnaire or makes clear



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orally if no written questionnaire is used that the information requested is intended for use solely in connection with its remedial action obligations or its voluntary or affirmative action efforts and the Board states clearly that the information is being requested on a voluntary basis, that it will be kept confidential, that refusal to provide information will not subject the applicant or employee to any adverse treatment, and that the information will only be used in accordance with this part of the Regulation and applicable section of the Rehabilitation Act.

The Board of Education may condition an offer of employment on the results of a medical examination conducted prior to the employee's entrance on duty provided that all entering employees are subjected to such an examination regardless of handicap/disability and the results of such an examination are used only in accordance with the requirements of the policy, regulation and the Rehabilitation Act.

Information obtained in accordance with pre-employment inquiries as to the medical condition or history of the applicant will be collected and maintained on separate forms that will be accorded confidentiality as medical records. Supervisors may be informed of restrictions on the work or duties of handicapped/disabled persons and any reasonable accommodations. First aid and safety personnel may be informed, where appropriate, if the condition might require emergency treatment. Government officials investigating compliance with the Rehabilitation Act shall be provided relevant information upon request.

Complaints About Employment Discrimination

Complaints about employment discrimination under §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act shall first be made in writing to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. If the complaint cannot be resolved the following grievance procedure shall be followed:

Grievance Procedure - Employment

This grievance procedure shall apply to qualified handicapped/disabled persons who are employees with alleged discriminatory act(s) under the provisions of §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

1. The aggrieved individual shall file a written complaint, stating the specific facts of his/her grievance and the alleged discriminatory act, with the compliance officer.



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2. The District Coordinator shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve the matter informally by having the aggrieved individual review the complaint with his/her immediate supervisor.
3. The immediate supervisor shall render a determination to the aggrieved individual within five working days after hearing the complaint. If such complaint is not satisfactorily resolved at this stage, the aggrieved individual may proceed to the next level of appeal.
4. Within three working days after a determination has been made at the preceding stage, the aggrieved individual may present the complaint in writing to the intermediate supervisor, if such there be, who shall orally discuss the complaint with the aggrieved individual. The intermediate supervisor shall render a determination in writing to the aggrieved individual within seven working days after receiving the complaint. If such complaint is not satisfactorily resolved at this stage, the aggrieved individual may proceed to the next level of appeal.
5. Within three working days after a determination has been made by the intermediate supervisor, the aggrieved individual may make a written request to the compliance officer for review and determination.
6. The District Coordinator shall immediately notify the individual, immediate supervisor, and intermediate supervisor in the case to submit written statements to him/her within five working days setting forth the specific nature of the complaint, the facts relating thereto, and the determinations previously rendered.
7. The District Coordinator shall notify all parties concerned in the case of the time and place when an informal hearing will be held where the parties may appear and present oral and written statements supplementing their position in the case and the manner in which the hearing will be conducted. Such hearing shall be held within seven working days of receipt of the written statements pursuant to paragraph 5.
8. The District Coordinator shall render a determination within twelve working days after the written statements pursuant to paragraph 5 have been presented to him/her, or five working days after the completion of the informal hearing. The District Coordinator will provide a written copy of his/her determination to all parties.



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9. The aggrieved individual may appeal the determination of the District Coordinator to the Board within three working days of the receipt of the compliance officer's determination. The appeal shall be in writing and attached to copies of the original complaint, the minutes of the informal hearing, and the written determination of the District Coordinator. The Board or a committee thereof may, in its discretion, convene a hearing at which the parties may present additional testimony and argument.
10. Within forty-five calendar days of the filing of appeal, the Board shall provide both parties with a written decision.
11. If the complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved in the above stages, the aggrieved individual may appeal in writing directly to the Office of Civil Rights.

FACILITIES

Discrimination Prohibited

No qualified handicapped/disabled person shall, because a Board of Education facility is inaccessible to or usable by handicapped/disabled persons, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any activity to which this section of the Regulation applies.

Existing Facilities

The Board of Education will operate its programs and activities so that the program, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to handicapped/disabled persons. The Board of Education is not required to make each of its facilities accessible to and usable by handicapped/disabled persons. The Board may comply with these requirements through such means as redesign of equipment, realignment of classes or other services to other buildings, assignment of aides, alternative sites, alterations of existing facilities or construction of new facilities or any other methods that result in making its programs or activities accessible to handicapped/disabled persons. The Board is not required to make structural changes in existing facilities where other methods that are effective in achieving compliance with this Regulation and the Rehabilitation Act. The Board will give priority to those methods that offer programs and activities to handicapped/disabled persons in the most integrated setting appropriate. The Board of Education will develop a plan to make its facilities comply with this policy and the Rehabilitation Act. The plan shall be developed with the assistance of interested persons, including handicapped/disabled persons or organizations representing handicapped/disabled persons.



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New Construction

The Board of Education will design and construct each new facility or part of each new facility, or in the renovation of facilities or part thereof, in a manner that each such facility is readily accessible to and usable by handicapped/disabled persons. The alterations are not required if the alteration has little likelihood of being accomplished without removing or altering a load-bearing structural member. The Board of Education will comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. 6 for the construction, remodeling and/or renovation of its facilities.

Complaints About Accessibility of Facility

Complaints about access to facilities shall first be made to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. If the complaint cannot be resolved the following grievance procedure shall be followed:

Grievance Procedure - Facilities

This grievance procedure shall apply to qualified handicapped/disabled persons who are not employees or pupils with alleged discriminatory act(s) under the provisions of §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

1. The aggrieved individual shall file a written complaint, stating the specific facts of his/her grievance and the alleged discriminatory act, with the District Coordinator.
2. The District Coordinator shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve the matter informally by reviewing the complaint with the aggrieved individual.
3. In the event the complaint cannot be resolved through an informal meeting, the District Coordinator shall notify all parties concerned in the case of the time and place when an informal hearing will be held where the parties may appear and present oral and written statements supplementing their position in the case and the manner in which the hearing will be conducted. Such hearing shall be held within seven working days of receipt of the written statements pursuant to paragraph 5.
4. The District Coordinator shall render a determination within twelve working days after the written statements pursuant to paragraph 5 have been presented to him/her, or five working days after the completion of the informal hearing. The District Coordinator will provide a written copy of his/her determination to all parties.



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5. The aggrieved individual may appeal the determination of the District Coordinator to the Board within three working days of the receipt of the District Coordinator's determination. The appeal shall be in writing and attached to copies of the original complaint, the minutes of the informal hearing, and the written determination of the compliance officer. The Board or a committee thereof may, in its discretion, convene a hearing at which the parties may present additional testimony and argument.
6. Within forty-five calendar days of the filing of appeal, the Board shall provide both parties with a written decision.
7. If the complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved in the above stages, the aggrieved individual may appeal in writing directly to the Office of Civil Rights.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Board of Education will not, on the basis of handicap/disability, exclude qualified handicapped/disabled persons from the program or activity and will take into account the needs of such persons in determining the aid, benefits or services to be provided under the program or activity.

Pupils not otherwise eligible for special education programs and/or related services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1 et seq. may be referred to the District 504 Coordinator by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), staff member and/or a request directly from the pupil.

The Board will provide a reasonable accommodation(s) to otherwise qualified pupils notwithstanding any program and/or related services required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1 et seq. Timelines for re-evaluations of pupils receiving a reasonable accommodation(s) will be established by the District Coordinator. A re-evaluation may be requested by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and/or the pupil at any time upon written request to the District Coordinator.

Location and Notification

The administration will undertake to identify and locate every qualified handicapped/disabled person residing within the school district who is not receiving a public school education and will take steps to notify such handicapped/disabled persons and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the school district's duty under the policy and Rehabilitation Act. Pupils not otherwise eligible for program and/or related services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1 et seq., may be referred to the District Coordinator by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), staff member and/or a request directly from the pupil.



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Free Appropriate Public Education

The school district is required to provide a free appropriate public education to each qualified handicapped/disabled person who resides within the school district regardless of the nature or severity of the person's handicap/disability. An appropriate education is the provision of regular or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet individual educational needs of handicapped/disabled persons as adequately as the needs of nonhandicapped/nondisabled persons are met and are based upon adherence to procedures that satisfy the requirements of this regulation.

The school district may place a handicapped/disabled person in or refer such person to a program other than the one it operates as its means of carrying out the provisions of this regulation and IDEA. The school district continues to maintain responsibility for ensuring the requirements of this section are met in respect to any handicapped/disabled person so placed or referred.

A free appropriate public education must be provided to handicapped/disabled person without cost to the handicapped/disabled person or to his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), except for those fees that are imposed on nonhandicapped/nondisabled persons or their parent(s) or legal guardian(s). If the handicapped/disabled person is placed in a program not operated by the school district the school district will ensure adequate transportation to and from the program and it shall be provided at no greater cost than would be incurred by the person or his parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the handicapped/disabled person was placed in the program operated by the school district. If a public or private residential placement is necessary to provide a free appropriate education to a handicapped/disabled person because of his/her handicap/disability, the program, including non-medical care and room and board shall be provided at no cost to the person or his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Educational Setting

The school administration will place a handicapped/disabled person in the regular educational environment within the school district unless the school district demonstrates that the education of the handicapped/disabled person in the regular environment with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily. The administration will consider the proximity of any alternative setting for handicapped/disabled persons to the person's home. The Board will ensure that handicapped/disabled persons participate with nonhandicapped/nondisabled persons in such activities and services to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the handicapped/disabled person in question.



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Evaluation And Placement

The Board of Education establishes standards and procedures for the evaluation and placement of pupils who, because of handicap/disability, need or are believed to need special education or related services through Policy No. 2460 and Regulations Nos. 2460 through 2460.14. Individuals qualifying under §504 shall be evaluated using the following procedures:

1. Tests and other evaluation materials have been validated for the specific purpose for which they are used and are administered by trained personnel;
2. Tests and other evaluation materials include those tailored to assess specific areas of educational need and not merely those which are designed to provide a single general intelligence quotient; and
3. Tests are selected and administered so as to best to ensure that, when a test is administered to a pupil with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills, the test results accurately reflect the pupil's aptitude or achievement level or whatever other factor the test purports to measure, rather than reflecting the pupil's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills (except where those skills are the factors that the test purports to measure).

In interpreting evaluation data and in making placement decisions, the school district will:

1. Draw upon information from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, teacher recommendations, physical condition, social or cultural background, and adaptive behavior;
2. Establish procedures to ensure that the information obtained from all such sources is documented and carefully considered;
3. Ensure that the placement decision is made by a group of persons, including persons knowledgeable about the child, the meaning of the evaluation data and the placement options; and
4. Ensure that the placement decision is made in conformity with this regulation and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Timelines for re-evaluations of pupils receiving a reasonable accommodation(s) will be established by the District 504 Coordinator. A re-evaluation may be requested by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and/or the pupil at any time upon written request to the District Coordinator.



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Section 504 Accommodation Plan

The District Coordinator based on the evaluation of the pupil eligible for services under §504 shall prepare a Section 504 Accommodation Plan which contains at least the following elements as related to the pupil:

1. Name.
2. Date of Birth.
3. Current educational placement.
4. Name of the District Coordinator or designee preparing the Section 504 Accommodation Plan.
5. Handicapping/Disabling condition.
 - a. Major life activity impaired.
 - b. Educational impact.
 - c. Impact on related educational progress.
6. Accommodation (as appropriate).
 - a. Physical and learning environment.
 - b. Instructional.
 - c. Behavioral.
 - d. Evaluation.
 - e. Medical.
 - f. Transportation.
 - g. Other.
7. Location of the Accommodation.



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8. A listing of individuals participating in the development of the plan, along with their titles and the date(s) of their participation.
9. A certification by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupil that they have participated in the development of the plan and give their consent to its implementation.
10. A waiver of the fifteen days notice prior to the implementation of the plan by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the plan is to be implemented sooner than the fifteen days.

Procedural Safeguards

The school district will establish and implement, with respect to actions regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of persons who, because of handicap/disability, need or are believed to need special education or related services, a system of procedural safeguards that includes notice, an opportunity for the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the person to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with opportunity for participation by the person's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and representation by council, and a review procedure. These procedural safeguards shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14 et seq. and Policy No. 2460 and Regulation 2460.7 and/or the grievance procedures contained herein.

Grievance Procedure - Pupils

This grievance procedure shall apply to qualified handicapped/disabled persons who are pupils with alleged discriminatory act(s) under the provisions of §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

1. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a qualified handicapped/disabled pupil or adult qualified handicapped/disabled pupil who believe the pupil has a valid basis for a grievance under §504, or the American Disabilities Act shall file an informal complaint in writing, stating the specific facts of his/her grievance and the alleged discriminatory act, with the District Coordinator.
2. The District Coordinator shall make all reasonable efforts to resolve the matter informally by reviewing the grievance with appropriate staff which may include, but not be limited to, the Principal, Child Study Team staff and/or the classroom teacher(s).



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3. The District Coordinator will investigate and document the complaint including dates of meetings, dispositions and date of dispositions. The District Coordinator will provide a written reply to the aggrieved individual within seven working days.
4. If the complainant is not satisfied with the District Coordinator's written reply, the complainant must file a formal complaint in writing, setting out the circumstances that give rise to the alleged grievance. This written complaint must be filed with the District Coordinator within three working days.
5. The District Coordinator will appoint a qualified hearing officer within seven working days of the receipt of the written grievance. The hearing officer will conduct a hearing within seven working days. The hearing officer will give the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), pupil or adult pupil a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised under the grievance. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s), pupil or adult pupil may, at their own expense, be assisted or represented by individuals of their choice, including legal counsel. The hearing officer will present a written decision to the District Coordinator and aggrieved individual within seven working days of the hearing.
6. The complainant may file an written appeal to the Board if not satisfied with the hearing officer's decision. The Board, through the Superintendent, will provide a written disposition of the alleged grievance.
7. The complainant may request Mediation and Due Process in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.6 and 2.7 if unsatisfied with the written decision of the Board, or if specifically requested by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or adult pupil the aforementioned N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.6 and 2.7 grievance procedure must be followed.

Nonacademic Services

The Board of Education will provide non-academic and extracurricular services and activities in such manner as is necessary to afford handicapped/disabled pupils an equal opportunity for participation in such services and activities. These services and activities may include counseling services, physical recreational athletics, transportation, health services, recreational activities, special interest groups or school clubs, referrals to agencies which provide assistance to handicapped/disabled persons, and employment to pupils, including both employment by the school district and assistance in making available outside employment.



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The Board of Education and administration will ensure that qualified handicapped/disabled pupils are not counseled toward more restrictive career objectives than are nonhandicapped/nondisabled pupils with similar interests and abilities. The Board will provide to qualified handicapped/disabled pupils an equal opportunity for participation in physical education courses, athletics, and similar programs and activities. The school district may offer separate physical education and athletic activities to handicapped/disabled pupils only if separate or differentiation is consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act and no qualified handicapped/disabled person is denied the opportunity to compete for teams or to participate in courses that are not separate or different.

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Provisions Applicable to All Grievance Procedures

1. If the same or substantially the same grievance is made by more than one individual, a single individual may process the grievance through the grievance procedure on behalf of all aggrieved individuals. The names of all aggrieved individuals shall appear on all documents related to the settlement of the grievance.
2. An aggrieved individual may be represented or accompanied at any time by a person chosen by the individual.
3. An employee may use personal leave time when it becomes necessary to process a grievance during work hours.
4. A grievance that arises late in the school term will be submitted to an expedited process in order that the grievance may be resolved as soon after the school term as possible.
5. There will be no reprisal of any kind taken against any aggrieved individual for participation in a grievance.
6. All documents, communications, and records regarding the processing of a grievance will be filed in a separate file and will not be kept in the personnel or pupil file.

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R 1530 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

A. Purpose and Application

1. The purpose of this procedure is to give any district employee or candidate for employment the opportunity to appeal an alleged denial of equal employment opportunity in violation of State statutes and administrative codes, and Federal laws and Policy No. 1530, guaranteeing “equal access to all categories of employment without regard to the candidate’s race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, socioeconomic status, or disability.”
2. This procedure is intended to facilitate an equitable and just resolution of a dispute at the most immediate level and should be implemented in an informal manner.
3. Every reasonable effort will be made to expedite the process in the interest of a prompt resolution. Time limits may, however, be extended with the consent of all parties.
4. All participants in the procedure will respect the confidentiality that this district accords to information about individual employees.

B. Definitions

1. “Board of Education” means the Board of Education of the Randolph School District.
2. “Complaint” means an alleged discriminatory act or practice.
3. “Complainant” means a staff member who alleges a discriminatory act or practice.
4. “Day” means a working or calendar day as identified.
5. “Discriminatory act or practice” means denial of equal employment opportunity in violation of State statutes and administrative codes and Federal laws and Policy No. 1530.
6. “School district” means the Randolph School District.



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1. A complainant who believes that he/she has been harmed or adversely affected by a discriminatory practice or act prohibited by law and/or policy shall discuss the matter with his/her immediate supervisor in an attempt to resolve the matter informally.
2. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant within thirty working days, the complainant may submit a written complaint to the Affirmative Action Officer. The complaint will include:
 - a. The complainant's name and address,
 - b. The specific act or practice that the complainant complains of,
 - c. The school employee, if any, responsible for the allegedly discriminatory act,
 - d. The results of discussions conducted in accordance with paragraph C1, and
 - e. The reasons why those results are not satisfactory.
3. The Affirmative Action Officer will investigate the matter informally and will respond to the complaint in writing no later than seven working days after receipt of the written complaint. A copy of the complaint and the response will be forwarded to the Superintendent.
4. The response of the Affirmative Action Officer may be appealed to the Superintendent in writing within three working days after it has been received by the complainant. The appeal will include the original complaint, the response to the complaint, and the complainant's reason for rejecting the response. A copy of the appeal must be given to the staff member alleged to have acted discriminatorily.
5. On his/her timely request (that is, submitted before the expiration of the time within which the Superintendent must render a decision), the complainant will be given an informal hearing before the Superintendent, at a time and place convenient to the parties, but no later than seven working days after the request for a hearing has been submitted. The Superintendent may also require the presence at the hearing of the staff member charged with a discriminatory act and any other person with knowledge of the act complained of.



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6. The Superintendent will render a written decision in the matter no later than seven working days after the appeal was filed or the hearing was held, whichever occurred later. Copies of the decision will be given to all parties.
7. The complainant may appeal the Superintendent's decision to the Board by filing a written appeal with the Board Secretary no later than three working days after receipt of the Superintendent's decision. The appeal shall include:
 - a. The original complaint,
 - b. The response to the complaint,
 - c. The Superintendent's decision,
 - d. A transcript of the hearing, if one has been made, or a summary of the hearing to which all parties have consented, and
 - e. The complainant's reason for believing the Superintendent's decision should be changed.
8. A copy of the appeal to the Board must be given to the staff member, if any, charged with a discriminatory act.
9. The Board will review all papers submitted and may render a decision on the basis of the proceedings below. If the complainant so requests, the Board may convene a hearing, at which all parties may be represented by counsel and may present and examine witnesses, who will testify under oath.
10. The Board will render a written decision no later than forty-five calendar days after the appeal was filed or the hearing held, whichever occurred later. Copies of the decision will be given to all parties.
11. The complainant will be informed of his/her right to appeal the Board's decision to the:
 - a. Commissioner of Education
New Jersey State Department of Education
P.O. Box 500
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0500
Telephone: (877) 900-6960 or the



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- b. New Jersey Division on Civil Rights
Trenton Regional Office
Office of the Attorney General
140 East Front Street – 6th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0090
Telephone: (609) 292-4605

D. Record

- 1. The records of any complaint processed in accordance with this procedure shall be maintained in a file kept by the Affirmative Action Officer.
- 2. A copy of the decision rendered at the highest level of appeal will be kept in the employee's personnel file.

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R 1550 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACT PRACTICES COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

A. Purpose and Application

1. The purpose of this procedure is to give any district employee or candidate for district employment the opportunity to appeal an alleged violation of the district's Affirmative Action Program for employment and contract practices, as set forth in Policy No. 1550 or in a plan formally adopted by the Board of Education and approved by the Commissioner.
2. No qualified handicapped person, shall, on the basis of handicap, be subjected to discrimination in employment and the Board will take positive steps to employ and advance in employment qualified handicapped persons in programs and activities.
3. This procedure is intended to facilitate an equitable and just resolution of a dispute at the most immediate level and should be implemented in an informal manner.
4. Every reasonable effort will be made to expedite the process in the interest of a prompt resolution. Time limits may, however, be extended with the consent of all parties.
5. All participants in the procedure will respect the confidentiality that this district accords to information about individual staff members.

B. Definitions

1. "Board of Education" means the Board of Education of the Randolph School District.
2. "Complaint" means an alleged violation of the district's Affirmative Action Plan or Policy.
3. "Complainant" means a staff member who alleges a violation of the district's Affirmative Action Plan or Policy No. 1550.
4. "Day" means a working or calendar day as identified.



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5. "School district" means the Randolph School District.
6. "Violation" means the failure of a district official or employee to take the positive steps outlined in Policy No. 1550 or the duly approved Affirmative Action Plan to remove impermissible bias or preference from all aspects of district employment or contract practices and/or to correct the results of past discrimination.

C. Procedure

1. A complainant who believes that he/she has been harmed or adversely affected by a failure to enforce the district's Affirmative Action Plan for employment and contract practices shall discuss the matter with his/her immediate supervisor in an attempt to resolve the matter informally.
2. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant within thirty working days, the complainant may submit a written complaint to the Affirmative Action Officer. The complaint will include:
 - a. The complainant's name and address,
 - b. The specific failure to act that the complainant complains of,
 - c. The school officer or employee, if any, responsible for the alleged violation of the Affirmative Action Plan,
 - d. The results of discussions conducted in accordance with paragraph C1, and
 - e. The reasons why those results are not satisfactory.
3. The Affirmative Action Officer will investigate the matter informally and will respond to the complaint in writing no later than seven working days after receipt of the written complaint. A copy of the complaint and the response will be forwarded to the Superintendent.
4. The response of the Affirmative Action Officer may be appealed to the Superintendent in writing within three working days after it has been received by the complainant. The appeal will include the original complaint, the response to the complaint, and the complainant's reason for rejecting the response. A copy of the appeal must be given to the staff member alleged to have violated the Affirmative Action Plan.



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5. On his/her timely request (that is, submitted before the expiration of the time within which the Superintendent must render a decision), the complainant will be given an informal hearing before the Superintendent, at a time and place convenient to the parties, but no later than seven working days after the request for a hearing has been submitted. The Superintendent may also require the presence at the hearing of the staff member charged with violation of the Affirmative Action Plan and any other person with knowledge of the violation complained of.
6. The Superintendent will render a written decision in the matter no later than seven working days after the appeal was filed or the hearing was held, whichever occurred later. Copies of the decision will be given to all parties and to the Board of Education.
7. The complainant may appeal the Superintendent's decision to the Board by filing a written appeal with the Board Secretary no later than three working days after receipt of the Superintendent's decision. The appeal will include:
 - a. The original complaint,
 - b. The response to the complaint,
 - c. The Superintendent's decision,
 - d. A transcript of the hearing, if one has been made, or a summary of the hearing to which all parties have consented, and
 - e. The complainant's reason for believing the Superintendent's decision should be changed.
8. A copy of the appeal to the Board must be given to the staff member, if any, charged with a violation of the Affirmative Action Plan.
9. The Board will review all papers submitted and may render a decision on the basis of the proceedings below. If the complainant so requests, the Board may convene a hearing, at which all parties may be represented by counsel and may present and examine witnesses, who will testify under oath.
10. The Board will render a written decision no later than forty-five calendar days after the appeal was filed or the hearing held, whichever occurred later. Copies of the decision will be given to all parties.



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11. The complainant will be informed of his/her right to appeal the Board's decision to the:
 - a. Commissioner of Education
New Jersey State Department of Education
P.O. Box 500
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0500
Telephone: (877) 900-6960 or the
 - b. New Jersey Division on Civil Rights
Trenton Regional Office
Office of the Attorney General
140 East Front Street – 6th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0090
Telephone: (609) 292-4605

D. Record

1. The records of any complaint processed in accordance with this procedure shall be kept in a file maintained by the Affirmative Action Officer.
2. A copy of the decision rendered at its highest level of appeal will be kept in the complainant's personnel file.

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R 1570 INTERNAL CONTROLS

A. Segregation of Business Duties and Organizational Structure

1. The school district shall evaluate business processes annually and allocate available resources appropriately in an effort to establish a strong control environment.
2. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall identify processes that when performed by the same individuals are a violation of sound segregation of duties. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall segregate the duties of all such processes among Business office staff based on available district resources, assessed vulnerability and the associated cost-benefit, except as required by a. and b. below.
 - a. The functions of human resources and payroll shall be segregated and completed by different employees in all districts.
 - b. The functions of purchasing and accounts payable shall be segregated and completed by different employees in all districts.
3. The district shall include in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) a detailed organizational chart for the Central Office that tie to the district's position control logs, including but not limited to, the business, human resources, and information management functions.

B. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Business Functions

1. The school district shall establish SOPs for each task or function of the business operations of the district by December 31, 2009.
2. The SOP Manual shall include sections on each routine task or function of the following areas:
 - a. Accounting including general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and fixed assets, and year-end procedures for each;
 - b. Cash management;



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- c. Budget development and administration including tasks such as authorization of transfers and overtime;
 - d. Position control;
 - e. Purchasing including such tasks as preparation of requisitions, approval of purchase orders and encumbering of funds, bid and quote requirements, and verification of receipt of goods and services;
 - f. Facilities including administration of work and health and safety;
 - g. Security;
 - h. Emergency preparedness;
 - i. Risk management;
 - j. Transportation;
 - k. Food service;
 - l. Technology systems; and
 - m. Information management.
3. A standard operating procedure shall be established that ensures office supplies are ordered in appropriate quantities, maintained in appropriate storage facilities, and monitored to keep track of inventory.
- C. Financial and Human Resource Management Systems, Access Controls
1. School districts with budgets in excess of \$25,000,000 or with more than 300 employees shall maintain an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System which integrates all data and processes of the school district into a unified system. The ERP system shall use multiple components of computer software and hardware and a unified database to store data for the various system modules to achieve the integration.
 - a. Districts affected by C.1. above that do not have an ERP system in place on July 1, 2008 shall fully implement one by the 2010-2011 school year and maintain both the existing system(s) and run a beta test ERP system during the 2009-2010 school year.



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2. Whenever considering financial systems or the automation of other services or functions, the Superintendent of Schools or School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall notify the Executive County Superintendent in writing to see if opportunities for a shared service system exist.
 3. Access controls shall be established for key elements of financial systems to ensure that a single person does not have the ability to make system edits that would violate segregation of duties controls.
 - a. The process for creating, modifying, and deleting user accounts shall include the use of user access request forms.
 - b. All requests for financial applications shall be approved and specified by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
 - c. All requests for network access shall be granted by the head of the technology department, if one exists.
 - d. A review of user access shall be conducted yearly at a minimum by the relevant department managers and an audit trail should be maintained to verify the performance of this review.
 - e. Access to the network and key applications within a district shall be restricted to authorized users through the use of unique user names and passwords.
 - f. Proper protocols shall be implemented that appropriately address password expiration and complexity.
- D. Personnel Tracking and Accounting
1. The school district shall maintain an accurate, complete, and up-to-date automated position control roster to track the actual number and category of employees and the detailed information for each. Districts are required to maintain a position control roster by December 31, 2009. The position control roster shall:
 - a. Share a common database and be integrated with the district's payroll system;
 - b. Agree to the account codes in the budget software;



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- c. Ensure that the data within the position control roster system includes, at a minimum, the following information:
- (1) The employee's name;
 - (2) The date of hire;
 - (3) A permanent position tracking number for each employee including:
 - (a) The expenditure account codes for the general fund consistent with the State prescribed budget, special revenue fund and enterprise funds;
 - (b) The building(s) the position is assigned;
 - (c) The certification title and endorsement held, as applicable;
 - (d) The assignment position title as follows:
 - i. Superintendent or Chief School Administrator;
 - ii. Assistant Superintendent;
 - iii. School Business Administrator;
 - iv. Board Secretary (when other than i., ii., or iii. above);
 - v. Principal;
 - vi. Vice Principal;
 - vii. Director;
 - viii. Supervisor;
 - ix. Facilitator;
 - x. Instructional Coach by Subject Area;
 - xi. Department Chairperson by Subject Area;



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- xii. Certificated Administrator – Other;
- xiii. Guidance;
- xiv. Media Specialist/Librarian;
- xv. School Nurse;
- xvi. Social Worker;
- xvii. Psychologist;
- xviii. Therapist – OT;
- xix. Therapist – PT;
- xx. Therapist – Speech;
- xxi. Certificated Support Staff – Other;
- xxii. Teacher by Subject Area;
- xxiii. Instructional Assistants;
- xxiv. Certificated Instructional-Other;
- xxv. Aides supported by IEP;
- xxvi. Other Aides;
- xxvii. Maintenance Worker;
- xxviii. Custodian;
- xxix. Bus Driver;
- xxx. Vehicle Mechanic;
- xxxi. Food Service; and
- xxxii. Other Non-certificated.



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- (4) A control number for substitute teachers;
- (5) A control number for overtime;
- (6) A control number for extra pay;
- (7) The status of the position (filled, vacant, abolished, etc.);
- (8) An indication, when available, of whether the employee is retiring in the budget year or not being renewed including associated costs such as contractual buyouts, severance pay, paid vacation or sick days, etc;
- (9) Each of the following: base salary, step, longevity, guide, stipends by type, overtime and other extra compensation;
- (10) The benefits paid by the district, net of employee reimbursements or co-pays, by type of benefit and for FICA and Medicare;
- (11) The position's full-time equivalent value by location;
- (12) The date the position was filled; and
- (13) The date the position was originally created by the Board. If the date the position was originally created is not available, this item shall represent the date the person currently filling that position was approved by the Board.

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