SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD
7362 East Point Douglas Rd S.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: July 18, 2024
TOPIC: #7.1 –Approval of Proposed Updates to Policies
PRESENTER: Julie Nielsen, Superintendent
REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: Policy 208

A. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

a. The following policies have been reviewed and revised to reflect updates in Minnesota Statute, definition of terms, legal references, and cross references.
b. Current policies are located online at https://www.sowashco.org/about-us/school-board/school-board-policies
c. The following changes are made per legislative law.
d. Policy 208 indicates, a policy can be modified because of a legal change over which the School Board has no control. The modified policy may be approved at one meeting at the discretion of the School Board.
e. The suggested changes are listed below.

Policy 102	Adds legislative change to "discrimination" definition
Policy 104	Updated Statutory reference
Policy 413	Updates "familial status" definitions
Policy 416	Adds "oral fluid testing"
Policy 418	Adds protection for persons in MN Patient Registry Program
Policy 419	Adds smudging as a permissible activity
Policy 503	Updates excused absences; Adds note on unexcused absences
Policy 506	Adds unscheduled student removal provision
Policy 507	Adds reasonable force language; correct Legal Reference
Policy 509	Removes School Readiness Plus; Adds School of Parents' Choice law
Policy 512	Adds student journalist law

Policy 513	Removes WBWF
Policy 515	Adds explanatory note for directory information
Policy 516	Adds new statutory provisions; rearranges sections for clarity
Policy 521	Updates statutory definition of "disability"
Policy 532	Adds school resource officer language
Policy 601	Removes WBWF
Policy 603	Removes WBWF
Policy 609	Adds cultural observance provision
Policy 615	Updates references
Policy 616	Removes WBWF
Policy 620	Adds PSEO dates
Policy 709	Adds electric bicycle provision
Policy 802	Adds MS 471.85 to Legal Reference

B. **RECOMMENDATION**
   a. Approval

C. **CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Student Experience, Mastery of Learning and Expectations, Student Pathways and Systemic Supports, Operations, Staffing, and Finance and Engagement and Partnerships