

Consider Revising BP & AR 3551 – Food Service Operations / Cafeteria Fund

8/1/19 Board of Education Meeting



Updates to Both BP and AR

■ BP and AR updated to:

- Reflect new federal guidance (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Memorandum SP 46-2016 and SP 23-2017)
 - *Mandates any district participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program to adopt a written policy on meal charges, including the collection of delinquent meal charge debt, no later than July 1, 2017, and to annually communicate that policy to parents/guardians*
- Reflect new state guidance (CA Dept. of Ed. Management Bulletin SNP-03-2017)
 - *Requires district policy to ensure that students with unrecovered or delinquent meal charge debt are not overtly identified*
 - *Requires that debt collection efforts are consistent with specified cost principles*
 - *Establishes conditions for reclassifying unpaid debt as bad debt*



Additional Updates to BP

■ BP also revised to:

- Reflect Buy American provision of federal regulations, which requires districts, to the maximum extent practicable, to purchase domestically grown and processed foods
- Reflect new law (SB 250), which requires districts to make their meal charge policy public and ensure that students with unpaid meal fees are not shamed or treated differently than other students
- Reflect new law (SB 730), which requires the CDE to provide information about the Buy American provision
- Reflect new law (AB 822), which requires a preference for California-grown agricultural products with specified exceptions
- Reflect new law (SB 544), which clarifies that procurements in federally funded nutrition programs are subject to the procurement standards of the federal Uniform Guidance



Additional Updates to AR

■ AR updated to:

- Reflect provisions of SB 250, which require districts to notify parents/guardians within 10 days of a negative balance in their child's school meal account and to exhaust all options to enroll the student in the free and reduced-price meal program if he/she is eligible
- Add a new section reflecting new law (SB 557), which authorizes donation of unused, unopened foods to a food bank or other nonprofit charitable organization
- Clarify contracting with outside vendors