Policy updated to delete provision regarding a principal's right to refuse a teacher's transfer request for a school ranked in deciles 1-3 on the API, as the API is no longer being calculated. Policy also adds philosophical statement regarding the assignment of staff in an equitable manner that meets the needs of students and each school.

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## **TRANSFERS**

The Governing Board desires that certificated staff be assigned in a manner that equitably distributes highly qualified and experienced teachers, meets the needs of district students, and satisfies staffing requirements at each school. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to assign certificated staff in accordance with district policy and/or the collective bargaining agreement as applicable.

Subject to the approval of the Board, the Superintendent or designee may transfer a teacher from one district school to another when he/she determines the transfer is in the best interest of the district. (Education Code 35035)

Such transfers shall be determined in accordance with the district's collective bargaining agreement with certificated employees.

## **Voluntary Transfers**

The Superintendent or designee may establish processes and deadlines for the submission of transfer requests to facilitate staff assignments with minimal disruption to the educational program.

Upon receipt of a written transfer request by a teacher, the Superintendent or designee may consider the input of the principals at the current school and the requested school, alignment of the teacher's qualifications with needs of students and the school(s), the academic performance of the requested school, and opportunities for the professional growth of the teacher.

However, if the principal of a school ranked in deciles 1-3 on the Academic Performance Index refuses to accept a transfer request, the Superintendent or designee shall not transfer the teacher. After April 15 prior to the school year that a transfer would become effective, no teacher who requests to be transferred to another school shall have priority over other qualified teachers who have applied for positions requiring certification qualifications at that school. (Education Code 35036)

## **Involuntary Transfers**

Involuntary transfers may become necessary when programs are reduced or cancelled, when schools are closed, or when otherwise required in order to accommodate the school's staffing needs.

If a teacher objects to a transfer, he/she may request a meeting with the Superintendent or designee and the principal. If dissatisfied with the results of this meeting, the teacher may appeal to the Board. The Board's decision shall be final.