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NCSBA Fall 2021 Updates:  
**Second Reading of Policies**

❖ **Parental Involvement Policy #1310/4002**

Policy 1310, Parental Involvement, deletes a word to align the amended provision with this policy and with the district's technology policy. Under section D (11) - parental permission required, bullet 11 removes the word "independent" from the phrase "students' independent access to the Internet" making a new phrase that states "student access to the Internet." This change strengthens the oversight of student use of the Internet, continuing to require parental permission, but stating clearly that students cannot independently use the Internet as described in our Technology Responsible Use policy (Policy 3225).

❖ **School Safety Policy #1510/4200/7270**

(Removal of paragraph)

**Temporary Requirements to Prevent COVID-19 Spread)**

In order to secure the health and safety of school system students and employees during the COVID-19 pandemic, the school system will implement the strategies that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) advises be implemented by all schools to lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread. The superintendent or designee, in conjunction with appropriate health officials, shall develop protocols where necessary to implement strategies recommended by DHHS. These temporary rules shall remain in effect until repealed by the board or until the applicable guidance from DHHS is rescinded, whichever occurs first.

❖ **Title IX Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex Policy #1720/4030/7235**

Title IX is a federal law that prohibits school districts from discriminating against students or employees and requires the district to take steps to stop bullying and harassment as well. Under federal law, Title IX also applies to sex, pregnancy, childbirth, orientation, and gender identity. The

The school system does not have the ability to change the meaning of Title IX through its policies. The small addition to the Title IX policy does not change the meaning or impact of Title IX. It gives school officials and others notice on the groups of people that Title IX applies to (e.g. pregnancy, childbirth, orientation, and gender identity). In Short, this potential policy change does not expand Title IX.

❖ **Confidential Information Policy 2125/7315**

Adds new Section B to address student records. Adds new Section C to require the superintendent or designee to establish and enforce protocols for the secure handling and electronic transmission of personally identifiable information of students and employees.