Information Sheet – 1/23/18 - Board of Trustees Meeting

TO: Board of Trustees Item: 8.2

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DATE: January 17, 2018

RE: Policy Revision – Business and Non-Instructional Operations, AR 3515.6, Criminal Background Checks on Contractors

The CSBA Sample Administrative Regulation (AR) 3515.6, Criminal Background Checks on Contractors, has been updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 949, July 21, 2017). The new law requires criminal background checks for sole proprietors who contract with the District to provide specified services if they will have contact with children, and provides that it is the responsibility of the District to prepare and submit the fingerprints of the sole proprietor to the Department of Justice. The AR also clarifies criminal background check requirements applicable to entities contracting for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or repair of a school facility.

I have attached the CSBA sample policy followed by the Jefferson School District policy.

Recommendation: Approve the Administrative Regulation as presented

CSBA Sample
Administrative Regulation
Criminal Background Checks For Contractors

AR 3515.6
Business and Noninstructional Operations

Note: Education Code 45125.1 and 45125.2 require certain employees of entities contracting to provide services to the district, as specified below, to obtain a criminal background check. Pursuant to Education Code 45125.1, as amended by AB 949 (Ch. 84, Statutes of 2017), the requirement for a criminal background check also applies to any individual operating as a sole proprietor who contracts with the district. In the case of a sole proprietor, Education Code 45125.1, as amended, provides that it is the responsibility of the district to prepare and submit the employee's fingerprints to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for processing.

When the employees of any entity contracting with the district to provide specified services will have contact with students, the entity shall certify in writing to the Superintendent or designee that none of those employees has been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined in Education Code 45122.1. In the case of a sole proprietor, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and submit the employee's fingerprints to the Department of Justice. If any contracting employee who may have contact with students has been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined, a certificate of rehabilitation and a pardon as required pursuant to Education Code 45125.1 shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee before the contracting employee is authorized to perform the work for the district. (Education Code 45125.1)

These requirements shall apply to a sole proprietor or entity contracting with the district to provide any of the following services: (Education Code 45125.1, 45125.2)

1. School and classroom janitorial services

2. School site administrative services

3. School site grounds and landscape maintenance services

4. Student transportation services

5. School site food-related services

6. Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or repair of a school facility

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 3600 - Consultants)
(cf. 7140 - Architectural and Engineering Services)

On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may require a contracting entity providing school site services other than those listed above to comply with these requirements. (Education Code 45125.1)

The Superintendent or designee may determine that criminal background checks will not be required if:

1. The contracting entity is providing services in an emergency or exceptional situation, such as when student health or safety is endangered or when repairs are needed to make school facilities safe and habitable. (Education Code 45125.1)

2. The employees of the contracting entity will have limited contact with students. In determining whether a contract employee has limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the totality of the circumstances, including factors such as the length of time the contractors will be on school grounds, whether students will be in proximity with the site where the contractors will be working, and whether the contractors will be working by themselves or with others. (Education Code 45125.1)

Upon a determination that an employee will have limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate steps to protect the safety of any students who may come in contact with this employee. (Education Code 45125.1)

Note: The following paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice.

These steps may include, but are not limited to, ensuring that the employee is working during nonschool hours, providing for regular patrols or supervision of the site from district security or personnel, ensuring that the employee is not working alone when students are present, limiting the employee's access to school grounds, and/or providing the employee with a visible means of identification.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

3. The contract is for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or repair of a school facility and either item #1 or #2 above applies or the district uses one or more of the following methods to ensure student safety: (Education Code 45125.2)

a. The installation of a physical barrier at the worksite to limit contact with students

b. Continual supervision and monitoring of all employees of the entity by an employee of the entity whom the Department of Justice has ascertained has not been convicted of a violent or serious felony

c. Surveillance of employees of the entity by school personnel

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
41302.5 School districts, definition
45122.1 Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony
45125.1 Criminal background checks for contractors
45125.2 Criminal background checks for construction
PENAL CODE
667.5 Prior prison terms, enhancement of prison terms
1192.7 Plea bargaining limitation

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
Department of Justice: https://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CONTRACTORS

Whenever the district contracts for school and classroom janitorial, school site administrative, school site grounds and landscape maintenance, student transportation, and school site food-related services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the contracting entity certifies in writing that any employees who may come into contact with students have not been convicted of a felony as defined in Education Code 45122.1, unless the employee has received a certificate of rehabilitation and a pardon. (Education Code 45125.1)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 3600 - Consultants)
(cf. 7140 - Architectural and Engineering Services)

On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may also require a contracting entity providing school site services, other than those listed above, to comply with these requirements. (Education Code 45125.1)

These requirements shall not apply if the Superintendent or designee determines that the contracting entity is providing services in an emergency or exceptional situation, such as when student health or safety is endangered or when repairs are needed to make school facilities safe and habitable. (Education Code 45125.1)

In addition, these requirements shall not apply if the Superintendent or designee determines that the employees of the contracting entity will have limited contact with students. In determining whether a contract employee has limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the totality of the circumstances, including the following factors: (Education Code 45125.1)

1. The length of time the contractors will be on school grounds

2. Whether students will be in proximity with the site where the contractors will be working

3. Whether the contractors will be working by themselves or with others

Upon a determination that an employee shall have limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate steps to protect the safety of any student who may come in contact with this employee. (Education Code 45125.1)

These steps may include, but not be limited to, ensuring that the employee is working during nonschool hours, providing for regular patrols or supervision of the site from district security or personnel, ensuring that the employee is not working alone when students are present, limiting the employee's access to school grounds and/or providing the employee with a visible means of identification.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CONTRACTORS (continued)

Other Facility Contractors

When the district contracts for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or repair of a school facility where the employees of the entity will have contact, other than limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure the safety of students by utilizing one or more of the following methods: (Education Code 45125.2)

1. The installation of a physical barrier at the worksite to limit contact with students.

2. Continual supervision and monitoring of all employees of the entity by an employee of the entity whom the Department of Justice has ascertained has not been convicted of a violent or serious felony.

   The supervising employee may submit his/her fingerprints to the Department of Justice pursuant to Education Code 45125.1.

3. Surveillance of employees of the entity by school personnel.

These requirements shall not apply if the Superintendent or designee determines that the contracting entity is providing construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or repair services in an emergency or exceptional situation, such as when student health or safety is endangered or when repairs are needed to make school facilities safe and habitable. (Education Code 45125.2)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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