Perris Union High School District – BOARD POLICIES

JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 6000 (STUDENTS)

(Pending Board Approval December 18, 2024)

<u>Background</u>

Board Policy 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services
Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 278, 2023)** which establishes the Dream Resource Grant Program with the goal of creating Dream Resource Centers at schools that serve students in grades 9-12, and **NEW LAW (SB 223, 2023)** which provides flexibility for pupil personnel services holders to receive authorization to provide child welfare and attendance services by either completing a Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)-approved program of supervised field experience, or a CTC-approved program of professional preparation offered by a local educational agency. Additionally, policy updated to clarify that (1) guidance counseling regarding school programs and career, vocational, or higher education opportunities may not be differentiated based on any protected category specified in law or board policy, and that (2) the district may not use testing or other materials that permit or require impermissible or unlawful differential treatment of students, unless such different materials cover the same occupations and interest areas and the use of such materials is essential to the elimination of bias and discrimination. In addition, policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1173, 2023)** which requires a district that serves students in any of grades 9-12 that is planning to hold a college or career fair to notify each community college district that has overlapping jurisdiction of the date, time, and location of the fair, and provide an opportunity for the community college district to participate. Policy also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 665, 2023)** which aligns a section of the Family Code with a related Health and Safety Code section which allows a minor age 12 or older to consent to outpatient mental health counseling or treatment services without parent/guardian consent if, in the opinion of a school psychologist or other professional person, the minor is mature enough to participate intelligently in the services, without having to establish that the minor would present a danger of serious physical or mental harm to themself or others without the mental counseling or treatment services or that the minor is an alleged victim of incest or child abuse; however the child's parent/guardian is required to be involved unless the professional person determines after consulting with the minor that it would be inappropriate. Policy also updated to delete the requirement for school counselors to assist in the development of the comprehensive safety plan since this is not required by law, but maintained the requirement for school counselors to assist in the development of the disaster preparedness plan, which is part of the comprehensive safety plan.

Board Policy 6177 - Summer Learning Programs
Policy updated to incorporate concepts related to learning recovery, including that the district will provide students with supplemental instruction and support in a tiered

framework that bases universal, targeted, and intensive supports on students' needs for academic, social-emotional, and other integrated student supports through a program of engaging learning experiences in a positive school climate. Policy also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 723, 2023)** and **NEW LAW (AB 373, 2023)** which require a district to grant priority access for intersession programs to a foster youth and/or to a student experiencing homelessness, and that if during an intersession period the student will be moving, the student's educational rights holder will determine which school the student will attend for the intersession period. Additionally, policy updated to add that a district is required to provide any student who attends a school that is not operating an expanded learning opportunity (ELO) program transportation to attend at a location that is providing an ELO program and to return to the original location or another location that is established by the district.