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To: Board of Education From: Mark Maus

Re: 2025A MSBA Policy Updates

Date: May 21, 2025

Members of the Board of Education,

Through our partnership with the Missouri State School Board Association (MSBA), each year, they make recommendations for policy changes based on new or modifications in Missouri in state statutes, federal law, or court cases that have impacted current policy. Traditionally, MSBA will recommend several policy revisions each year, and this is the fifth recommendation they have made for the 2024-25 school year.

Below is a portion of the update letter they provided with the policy recommendations:

MSBA is pleased to provide your district with the 2025A Update of policies and procedures. The drafts can be found in the Work in Progress section of your online policies. This update is based primarily on recent rule changes issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to improve operations, transparency, and compliance in federal programs.

The USDA amended rules require districts to include the Buy American requirements in documented procurement procedures and authorize the use of geographic preference for procuring local agricultural products.

The 2025A Update also contains a revised form for resolving disputes involving homeless students.

This is the first of three readings, and the recommendation would be to approve the MSBA recommendations as presented with the ability to make changes in June and July.