



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Subject: Staff Analysis Report to the Board

Policy # and Name: Weapons, Explosives and Fire Bombs 3.40.014-P

BACKGROUND

In its 2021 legislative session, Oregon lawmakers passed SB 553, which expanded the list of locations where concealed handguns are prohibited to include schools. As a result of this statutory change, the District reviewed its current policy to determine whether it aligned with the new legislation. During the review, staff recognized that the policy was in need of updating broadly, in addition to the legislative changes, and so recommended addition changes to the policy, including its title, to make the language and structure clearer and more approachable.

The Board Policy Committee first reviewed the proposed updates in February, 2022, offering comment and proposed edits. The Committee met again on March 9, 2022, and March 30, 2022, before finalizing the proposed changes for full Board review at its April 20, 2022 meeting.

RELATED POLICIES/BEST PRACTICES

It is best practice to review policies regularly to determine whether they reflect current laws and practices.

ANALYSIS OF SITUATION

It is the staff's belief that drafting a more relevant, user-friendly policy will allow for greater compliance with the state law and safety for our students.

FISCAL IMPACT

These changes are not expected to have a material financial impact.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Because the substantive changes made to the policies were driven by legal compliance, no additional community engagement beyond the public meetings and public comment period was undertaken.

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION/EVALUATION and COMMUNICATION PLAN

After passage of the updated Policy, staff will send out a District-wide communication as well as to our union partners. Posters advising visitors of this policy will be posted at all District buildings.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board accept the revision recommendations put forward in this report and as approved by the Policy Committee.

As a member of the PPS Executive Leadership Team, I have reviewed this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

- A. Clean Draft Weapons, Explosives and Fire Bombs Policy 3.40.014-P
- B. Redline Weapons, Explosives and Fire Bombs Policy 3.40.014-P