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Policy

WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION – NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

"Whistleblower" Protection

The Board prohibits discrimination or retaliation against any school employee who does any of the following:

- A. Discloses or threatens to disclose to a supervisor or to a public body an activity, policy or practice of the Board that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law. or a rule or regulation established pursuant to law;
- B. Provides information to, or testifies before, any public body conducting an investigation, hearing or inquiry into any violation of law, or a rule or regulation established pursuant to law by the Board; or
- C. Objects to, or refuses to participate in any activity, policy or practice which the employee reasonably believes is in violation of law, rule or regulation; is fraudulent or criminal; or is incompatible with public health, safety or welfare or protection of the environment.

The Board shall ensure that notices are posted conspicuously in each school, informing employees that they are protected under the "Conscientious Employee Protection Act." Every employee shall receive written notice of the protections under this act, annually.

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 34:19-1 et seq. Conscientious Employee Protection Act

Cross References: *2224 Nondiscrimination/affirmative action

> Recruitment, selection and hiring *4211 Non-discrimination/affirmative action *4211.1

Sexual Harassment *4211.2

*4212.8 Nepotism

*4247 **Employee safety**

*5145.4 Equal educational opportunity Nondiscrimination/affirmative action *6121

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