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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Paul O. Burns, Ed.D.

DATE: September 15, 2023

SUBJECT: Rule 6A-10.089, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), School-Sponsored Events and Activities

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The State Board of Education (SBOE) adopted Rule 6A-10.089, F.A.C., School-Sponsored Events and Activities, at the SBOE Meeting on July 19, 2023. The rule became effective on August 22, 2023.

Rule 6A-10.089, F.A.C., requires that any policies adopted by a school district under section (s.) 1001.43(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), for school-sponsored events and activities must:

- a) Ensure the health, safety and welfare of the child;
- b) Be consistent with the Parents' Bill of Rights created under Chapter 1014-2021, F.S.;
- c) Protect the privacy of educational records as set forth in s. 1002.22, F.S., as well as the privacy interests of all students and parents; and
- d) Provide parental notification as prescribed in the rule.**

Additionally, districts may not admit a child to an adult live performance as defined in s. 827.11, F.S. Districts may not authorize the use of any district-owned or leased buildings or property for the purpose of conducting an adult live performance as provided in s. 255.70, F.S.

Finally, districts must require signed parent or guardian permission forms for school-sponsored events or activities.

Below is the entire rule language as adopted:

6A-10.089 School-Sponsored Events and Activities.

(1) Definition. In this rule, the term "School-sponsored Events or Activities" means an event or activity the school of enrollment created for students to study or participate in while in the custody of the school district; or field trips, extracurricular activities, or other supplemental programs and activities as defined in Rule 6A-10.085, F.A.C.;

(2) School District Policies for Events and Activities. Any policies adopted by a school district under Section 1001.43(3), F.S., for school-sponsored events and activities must:

(a) Ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the child.

(b) Be consistent with the Parental Bill of Rights created under Chapter 1014, F.S.;

(c) Protect the privacy of educational records as set forth in Section 1002.22, F.S., as well as the privacy interests of all students and parents; and

(d) Provide for parental notification as set forth in subsection (5) of this rule.

(3) Districts may not admit a child to an adult live performance as provided in Section 827.11, F.S.

(4) Districts may not authorize the use of any district-owned or leased buildings or property for the purpose of conducting an adult live performance as provided in Section 255.70, F.S.

(5) Parental Notification.

(a) Districts must adopt procedures to fully inform parents of the details of the event or activity and supplemental programs.

(b) District procedures must require signed parent or guardian permission forms for the event or activity that include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The nature of the event or activity.

2. The date(s) and time(s) of the event or activity.

3. Specific location(s) and type(s) of sponsors/guests at the event or activity.

4. Method of student supervision provided, such as anticipated number of chaperones.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director, Student Support Services, at 850-245-7851 or Andrew.Weatherill@fldoe.org.

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