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**South Washington County Schools**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

TO: Members of the School Board  
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Michelle Barries, Director of Special Services

DATE: February 7, 2018

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Approval of Policy 808 Service Animals

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Policy 208: Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Approval

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: February 15, 2018

**REPORT**

The District has not adopted a formal policy on the use of service animals on school grounds. As the use of service animals becomes a more commonly used service to help students and staff, it is important to have a policy outlining the responsibilities and requirements of how these animals are used within our schools and classrooms. Having formal guidelines are necessary and will provide consistent guidance to parents, administration and staff members who may need to depend on a service animal or implement the proper procedures and practices to allow services animals to provide the needed support. The policy has been approved by the School Board policy committee and reviewed by legal counsel to ensure compliance. The policy was presented to the School Board on February 1, 2018 and no changes were requested.