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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board
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DATE: August 10, 2017

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Second Reading of Wellness Policy 721.1

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Policy # 721.1 Wellness

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Approve

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: August 17, 2017

REPORT

The revised Wellness Policy contains changes that comply with the USDA's expanded regulations from the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. In July 2016, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service provided a framework and guidelines for local policies and called upon local school districts to strengthen policies and increase transparency and accountability.

Components of the expanded wellness policy law include the following:

- goals for nutrition education, physical activity and other school-based activities.
- nutrition guidelines for all foods available on each school campus during the school day.
- guidelines for reimbursable school meals that are no less restrictive than those issued for the National School Lunch Program.
- implementation and evaluation plans of the local wellness policy.
- community involvement.
- nutrition promotion.

The Minnesota Department of Education is responsible for conducting a compliance review of our policy every three years that includes the following:

- the extent of compliance with our wellness policy.
- the extent to which our wellness policy compares to model local school wellness policies.
- the progress made in attaining policy goals.

Following the August 3, 2017 Board Meeting, changes were made as discussed.