

February 4, 2009

Kim J. Angove, Board President Warren County School District 185 Hospital Drive North Warren, PA 16365-4885

Dear Ms. Angove:

I am providing the following information in response to your inquiry. The PSBA Policy Maintenance Program will provide to the school district the policy newsletter, Policy News Network. The newsletter features information on current policy topics affected by changes in federal and state laws and regulations, court and arbitration decisions, liability concerns, and relevant governance and educational issues. The newsletter clarifies if a policy is required by law or is optional for the school board to adopt. Model policies and/or suggested policy language changes are included with the publication, in addition to background information and relevant forms. Optional language to be chosen by the school board is noted in a policy by brackets preceding the policy statements. Legal citation references are noted for required language.

The school district would be eligible to receive ten (10) model policies from PSBA during the year, in addition to those received as part of the newsletters.

The Policy News Network will be forwarded to a designated contact in the school district. It is recommended that copies be distributed to board members and appropriate administrators and staff, but the newsletter and accompanying documents are copyrighted and cannot be shared with others outside the district. The purpose of the newsletter is to assist the school district in maintaining a current, updated policy manual with a minimum of work.

Participation in the Policy Maintenance Program costs \$950 and is renewed annually. The school district would be billed for renewal each year.

If the school district is interested in subscribing to the Policy Maintenance Program, I will need written confirmation. You can send me a letter or an email notifying me of the approval of this service.

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The draft policies provided by PSBA pursuant to this service do not constitute the rendering of legal advice or services. The board is responsible for the final review and approval of policies it adopts and for obtaining independent legal advice and review.

I have enclosed a sample issue of the Policy News Network. If you need additional information or assistance, please contact me at 717-506-2450, extension 3373. My e-mail address is sharon.fissel@psba.org.

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Director of Policy Services

C: Superintendent