



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1

**Meeting Date:** December 17, 2020

**Subject:** Suspension of Senior Project Graduation Requirement of Board Policy (BP) 6146.1 for 2020-2021 School Year

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Department:** Academic Office, Curriculum & Instruction Department

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education is requested to suspend the Senior Project Graduation Requirement of Board Policy (BP) 6146.1 for 2020-2021 School Year.

**Background/Rationale:** The senior project is a graduation requirement for all students. Typically, there is both a practical and research aspect of the senior project. Students choose a topic that they are interested in, often related to the career they may want to pursue. Students may be required to find a mentor in their chosen field of interest, and there is usually some type of community service requirement or internship. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic much of these requirements become much more difficult for students to achieve. Moreover, due to the pandemic, both students and staff are under increased pressure and stress. Under these conditions it would seem unfair for students to fail to graduate because of the Senior Project requirement. As such, the Board of Education is requested to temporarily suspend the Senior Project Graduation Requirement of Board Policy (BP) 6146.1 for 2020-2021 School Year.

**Financial Considerations:**

N/A

**LCAP Goal(s):**

College, Career, and Life Ready Graduates

**Documents Attached:**

1. Executive Summary

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 10 minutes

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**Approved by:** Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

## **Board of Education Executive Summary**

**Academic Office: Suspension of Senior Project Graduation Requirement of Board Policy (BP) 6146.1 for 2020-2021 School Year**  
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### **I. Overview**

The Senior Project is a graduation requirement of the Sacramento City Unified School District. Typically, there is both a practical and research aspect of the senior project. Students choose a topic that they are interested in, often related to the career they may want to pursue. Students may be required to find a mentor in their chosen field of interest, and there is usually some type of community service requirement or internship. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic much of these requirements become much more difficult for students to achieve. Moreover, due to the pandemic, both students and staff are under increased pressure and stress. Under these conditions we cannot allow our students to fail to graduate because of the Senior Project requirement. As such, the Board of Education is requested to temporarily suspend the Senior Project Graduation Requirement of Board Policy (BP) 6146.1 for 2020-2021 School Year.

### **II. Driving Governance**

The Senior Project Graduation Requirement is included in BP 6146.1

### **III. Budget**

N/A

### **IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures**

N/A

### **V. Major Initiatives**

The temporary suspension of the Senior Project Graduation Requirement of Board Policy (BP) 6146.1 for 2020-2021 School Year.

### **VI. Results**

N/A

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### **VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps**

Our next steps include the following:

- Communicate the temporary suspension of the Senior Project Graduation Requirement for the 2020-21 school year to high school principals, senior students and parents.