



# PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL**

### **COVER SHEET FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

**February 9, 2021**

#### **TOPIC/ AGENDA ITEM:**

##### **IV. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

C. Extension of PCHS Attendance Policy Suspension

#### **PERSONNEL INVOLVED:**

Board of Trustees, Executive Director/Principal, Assistant Principal of Admissions & Attendance, Admissions & Attendance Office Staff

#### **ISSUES INVOLVED/FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):**

The purpose of this action is to extend the suspension of the **PCHS Attendance Policy** through second semester 2020-21 due to the on-going campus closure and 100% virtual learning.

The PCHS Attendance Policy is not equitable during remote learning. During in-person learning, the Attendance Office staff provide assistance to parents who do not have computers to submit required information to clear absences. PCHS does not want to penalize students and families who have connectivity issues, who have other obligations at home, and who may have been otherwise impacted by the current pandemic environment.

#### **IMPACT ON SCHOOL MISSION, VISION OR GOALS, (IF ANY):**

PCHS has a duty to support all students in successfully completing graduation requirements during this unprecedented pandemic. There is no financial impact from suspending the Attendance Policy.

#### **OPTIONS OR SOLUTIONS:**

- 1) Extend the suspension of the PCHS Attendance policy for second semester of the 2020-21 school year.
- 2) A possible alternative is to devise a streamlined appeal process with relaxed requirements significantly reducing the time commitment for the Attendance Office, which is impacted by reduction in staffing and demands of registration. This alternative must be adjusted to take into consideration special pandemic related circumstances. *Because of the myriad variables, this alternative is not recommended.*



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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The Executive Director/Principal recommends extending the suspension of the PCHS Attendance Policy for second semester 2020-2021.

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

“To continue the suspension of the PCHS Attendance Policy for second semester 2020-2021.”

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