



Student and Campus Safety Search Policy Proposal

Presentation to AoA's Board
October 28 2021



Overview

- The Board initially rejected passage of the Student and Campus Safety Plan as it contained objectionable language that was not consistent with Aoa's values and mission
- The Executive Director met with two Board members to revise the policy based on feedback from other Board members and staff
- The Executive Director sent the revised policy to Young Minney & Corr (YM&C) for further review including its recommendation regarding one main question: Did AoA administrators need to contact the police if illegal materials were discovered in a search including contraband even if they were so minor as to not pose a threat to the safety and well-being of our school community
- YM&C cited Education Code (48902 c) that explicitly states that the police must be notified if illegal materials are found in a search.
- Language consistent with that recommendation is included in the new proposed policy

Revisions to the original policy brought to the Board include:

- We removed reference to canine searches
- We changed the name of the policy from the Campus Search and Seizure Policy to the Student and Campus Safety Search Policy
- We removed the following passage: The Charter School official must assess the reliability of the student or person providing the information, the degree of danger to others, and the immediacy of the need for a search.
- We added that a search must be made by two people including a member from the restorative team (not at least one person)
- We took out the term imposed discipline and added that restorative strategies would be used
- Under Notice, we added The Executive Director or designee shall ensure that AoA staff who conduct student searches receive training regarding the requirements of this policy and other applicable law as appropriate.

Proposal to AoA's Board Of Directors

Proposal: The Academy of Alameda Board of Directors adopts the Student and Campus Safety Search Policy