

To: School Committee

From: Kathy Shields, Vice-Chair; Jill Murray Grady, General Counsel

Date: October 24, 2022 (for October 27, 2022 Meeting)

RE: Recommendations for Home School Policy Revisions

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The Newton Public Schools Policy Manual currently contains Policy IHBG - Home Schooling and procedural document IHBG-R, both of which govern and pertain to the District's Home School obligations, authority and process for home schooling approval.

Attached is a revised version of Policy IHBG which clarifies and reflects recent changes to the district's registration, plan submission, and approval processes.

Additionally, we are proposing to remove IHBG-R from the Policy Manual as it consists of procedures that are to be implemented by the Administration and may change periodically, and is therefore more appropriately designated as a process or procedure instead of a policy. This is consistent with how we treat many other procedures documents that are not contained in our Policy Manual. Once designated as Home School Procedures, the document will be revised by appropriate administrators and disseminated accordingly.

Enclosed with this memorandum, please find Policy IHBG with proposed revisions in redline form and the existing IHBG-R.