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TO: The Honorable Patricia Halagao  
Chairperson, Student Achievement Committee

FROM:   
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SUBJECT: **Committee Action on renumbering the following Board policies under the new policy numbering system: Policy 2180, Surfing; Policy 4502, Middle Level Education Promotion; and Policy 2413, Student Instructional Hours and School Year Requirements Policy and Waiver Process**

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Education (Department) recommends renumbering three policies, as noted in the table below.

Current Policy Number	New Proposed Policy Number	Policy Title
2180	101.11	Surfing
4502	102.9	Middle Level Education Promotion
2413	106.5	Student Instructional Hours and School Year Requirements Policy and Waiver Process

The Department is also recommending that the Board authorize a global change to the numbering system to replace the periods with a dash and to allow for the reordering and renumbering of certain policies, as appropriate. This will allow for the policies to be placed in the number series relevant to the subject of the policies, as well as to accurately reflect the logical order of the policies.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE

The Department recommends that the committee approve and adopt the policy as described in section 1.0, with immediate effective and compliance dates.

3. RECOMMENDED COMPLIANCE DATE (if different from the effective date)

See section 2.0.

4. DISCUSSION (if different from the effective date)

a. Conditions leading to the recommendation:

For policies 2180, 2413, and 4502, the Department used a cross-office strategy to review the policies and develop the recommendation to renumber them appropriately.

b. Previous action of the Board on the same or similar matter:

Not applicable as these policies were already adopted and are only being renumbered.

c. Other policies affected:

No other policies are affected by this policy

d. Arguments in support of the recommendation:

Three policies are recommended for renumbering to reflect the new numbering schema developed by the PIG. This allows the Board to move forward with a full slate of policies that use the new numbering schema.

e. Arguments against the recommendation:

The recommendation is only to renumber the policies. Some may oppose the policies in general and may prefer additional action on content.

f. Other agencies or departments of the State of Hawaii involved in the action:

No other agencies or departments were involved in the development of these proposed revisions.

g. Possible reaction of the public, professional organizations, unions, DOE staff and/or others to the recommendation:

See section 2.e.

h. Educational implications:

There are no educational impacts at this time, based on approval of the Department's proposed revisions.

i. Facilities implications:

There are no facilities impacts at this time, based on approval of the Department's proposed revisions.

j. Financial implications:

There are no financial impacts at this time, based on approval of the Department's proposed revisions.

5. OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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Attachments: Exhibit A: Policy 2180

Exhibit B: Policy 4502

Exhibit C: Policy 2413

c: Office of Strategy, Innovation, and Performance  
Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Support

**SURFING**

**POLICY**

The Board of Education recognizes that surfing, or *he`e nalu*, has been a part of Hawaii's history since ancient times. Surfing is recognized for its long-standing historical and cultural roots and significance to Hawaii. Surfing is the official individual sport of the State.

The Board of Education approves surfing as a high school sport. The Department of Education shall adopt regulations to implement surfing as a high school sport.

Approved: 5/04

**MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION PROMOTION  
POLICY**

The Board of Education recognizes that young adolescence is a critical period in the development and education of students. Middle level students must develop 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills and be able to use technological tools. Therefore, all students in grades six, seven and eight shall be required to take language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies and be able to demonstrate their 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge and skills.

Students will receive an academic unit for each of the core content courses to be promoted to the next grade level. Successful completion shall be based on academic proficiency on identified benchmarks.

Approved: 9/02; Amended: 4/7/05; 8/5/10

Note: This policy shall take effect school year 2010-2011.

**STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS AND SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS  
POLICY AND WAIVER PROCESS**

**POLICY**

Upon application to the Board of Education (Board) a school may be granted waivers from student instructional hours and school year requirements pursuant to HRS 302A-251. The Department of Education shall administer such procedures as may be adopted by the board.

Notwithstanding the multi-track public schools exemption from HRS 302A-251 requirements, multi-track public schools shall adhere to no less than 95% of the statutorily required days in a school year pursuant to HRS 302A-251. Multi-track public schools may, however, request a waiver under this policy.

Waivers shall be granted only in extraordinary circumstances. Waivers are intended to facilitate student learning and student achievement by enhancing school-level flexibility. Schools are expected to explore alternate solutions before seeking waivers.

Any school requesting a waiver shall ensure that such waiver aligns with its Academic and Financial Plan and demonstrate, with specificity, (1) the circumstances unique to the school justifying the waiver, (2) significant harm to students' learning and students' achievement should the waiver not be granted, (3) the school's plan to exit the waiver and achieve full compliance with the statutory requirements, (4) whether the complex area superintendent and the superintendent concur with the request, (5) whether other applicable processes noted in the Board Policy entitled "School Community Council Waivers and School Community Council Exceptions Policy" were completed, and (6) alternatives considered or implemented by the school prior to requesting the waiver.

The Board may grant waivers for no longer than one school year.

Due to the scope of the justification for the waiver, the principal of the applicant school shall present the request to the Board.

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