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**Re: May, 2013 MCE Updates**

Dear Principal,

We have enclosed the May, 2013 Updates reflecting recent regulatory changes, as well as, safety and acceptable use standards. If you have any questions concerning the new polices and revisions, or navigating through our website, please feel free to call me at the office, (314) 878-5600, or on MCE’s phone line, (636) 405-0649.

**MAY 2013 POLICY AND REGULATION UPDATES**

**Policy 2640 – Student Use of Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs**

The changes reflect recent changes in Department of Education Regulations and OCR. Our new policy further clarifies the school’s right to place students with disabilities, found to be in violation of this policy, in alternative educational settings. *Adoption is mandatory*.

**Policy 2815 – Contact and Involvement with Outside Agencies**

The policy changes update our existing policy to comply with new federal regulations. *Adoption is mandatory.*

**Policy 5260 – Safety Standards**

This is a new policy on which we worked collaboratively with MUSIC to assist schools in controlling worker’s compensation claims. *Adoption is strongly recommended*.

**Policy 6140 – Services for Students with Disabilities**

The changes in this policy provide for educational services for students with disabilities and reflect recent changes in federal regulations. *Adoption is mandatory*.

**Policy 6260 – Educational Surrogate**

The policy change requires the school to identify the school employee whose responsibility it is to oversee the surrogate program. *Adoption is mandatory*.

**Regulation 1405 – Parent/Family Involvement in Education**

The changes in this regulation reflect DESE’s Self-Monitoring Checklist designed to fulfill the School’s responsibility under NCLB Federal Programs. The regulation also modifies our grievance procedure to be consistent with DESE’s recommendation. *Adoption is strongly recommended*.

**Regulation 1621 – Title I**

The changes in our regulation reflect DESE Self-Monitoring Checklist, as well as, modifying our grievance procedure to be consistent with DESE’s recommendation. *Adoption is strongly recommended*.

**Regulation 2110 – Equal Education Opportunity/§ 504 Procedural Safeguards**

This regulation is a remake of our existing regulation to be consistent with recent federal regulations. We are grateful to Teri Goldman for her authorship of this revision. *Adoption is mandatory*.

**Regulation 2620 – Firearms and Weapons in School**

The recommended changes reflect recent changes in federal regulations. *Adoption is strongly recommended*.

**Regulation 5620 – Student Transportation Services**

Our recommended changes reflect federal regulations particularly where suspension from transportation services to a disabled child results in the student’s absence from school and special education services. *Adoption is mandatory*.

**Regulation 6275 – Homebound Instruction for Non-Disabled Students**

Our recommended changes reflect changes in federal and state regulations. *Adoption is mandatory*.

**Regulation 6320 – Internet Usage**

The Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires among other things that the schools continually monitor their internet system to block accesses to pornography, obscenity and other material that is deemed to be inappropriate for students. Recently, a number of software creators have developed websites that allow staff and students to use “diversionary” sites to hide accesses to pornographic and other inappropriate sites. Our proposed changes make accessing these diversionary or masking sites a dismissible offense. *Adoption is highly recommended*.

**BOARD ACTIONS**

Revised policies and regulations may be voted upon with a single motion as follows. I move to adopt the following policies and regulations:

Policy 2640

Policy 2815

Policy 5260

Policy 6140

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Regulation 1405

Regulation 1621

Regulation 2110

Regulation 2620

Regulation 5620

Regulation 6275

Regulation 6320

The State Board recently approved DESE’s model evaluation procedures. This is the same or similar procedures that have been field-tested during this past year. In my opinion, the State model is a professional development model. As many of you know, I have lamented the intermingling of professional development criteria into performance evaluation. It is, and has been my opinion, that performance evaluation and professional development function best when they are separate and distinct. This new growth model will be problematic when schools attempt to remove incompetent teachers. We will be forwarding a performance evaluation system that satisfies DESE’s seven points, but provides a vehicle to assist districts in the removal of teachers whose performance is harming students. Schools may choose to use this MCE model as their evaluation procedure, or to use for identified poor performers, for whom a growth model is not, in my opinion, helpful.

Finally, MGO Creative Training Solutions’ latest training DVD on practical sexual abuse training will be available prior to our Summer Law Seminars.

**2013 MICKES GOLDMAN O’TOOLE SCHOOL LAW SEMINARS**

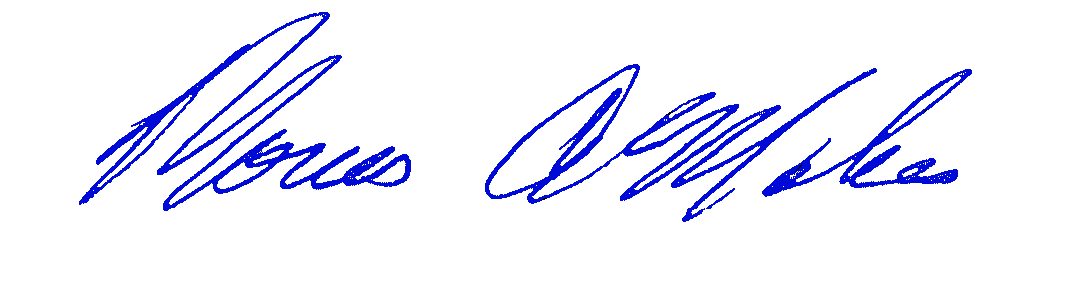
Mickes Goldman O’Toole, LLC is proud to announce their 2013 School Law Seminars.   The dates, locations, and topics for the 30th Annual School Law Seminars are below.

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|  **Columbia, MO – July 28, 2013**  Holiday Inn Executive Center  2200 I-70 Drive SW  Columbia, MO 65203  Registration: 8:00 a.m.  Sessions: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |  **Springfield, MO – August 5, 2013**  DoubleTree Hotel  2431 N. Glenstone Avenue  Springfield, MO 65803  Registration: 8:00 a.m.  Sessions: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
|  **St. Louis, MO – August 1, 2013**  Maryville University/Auditorium  650 Maryville University Drive  St. Louis, MO 63141  Registration: 8:00 a.m.  Sessions: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | □ **Kansas City, MO – August 6, 2013**  Adams Pointe Conference Center  Marriott Courtyard  1400 North East Coronado Drive  Blue Springs, MO 64014  Registration: 8:00 a.m.  Sessions: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
| □ **Cape Girardeau, MO – August 2, 2013**  Southeast Missouri State University  Glenn Auditorium  One University Plaza  Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  Registration: 8:00 a.m.  Sessions: 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. |  |

Registration and Continental Breakfast will begin at all locations at 8:00 a.m.

All of the seminars are presented without charge for clients and friends in the education community.

  To register, please visit the Mickes Goldman O’Toole, LLC website at [www.mickesgoldman.com](http://www.mickesgoldman.com).  If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

 Sincerely,

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Enclosures