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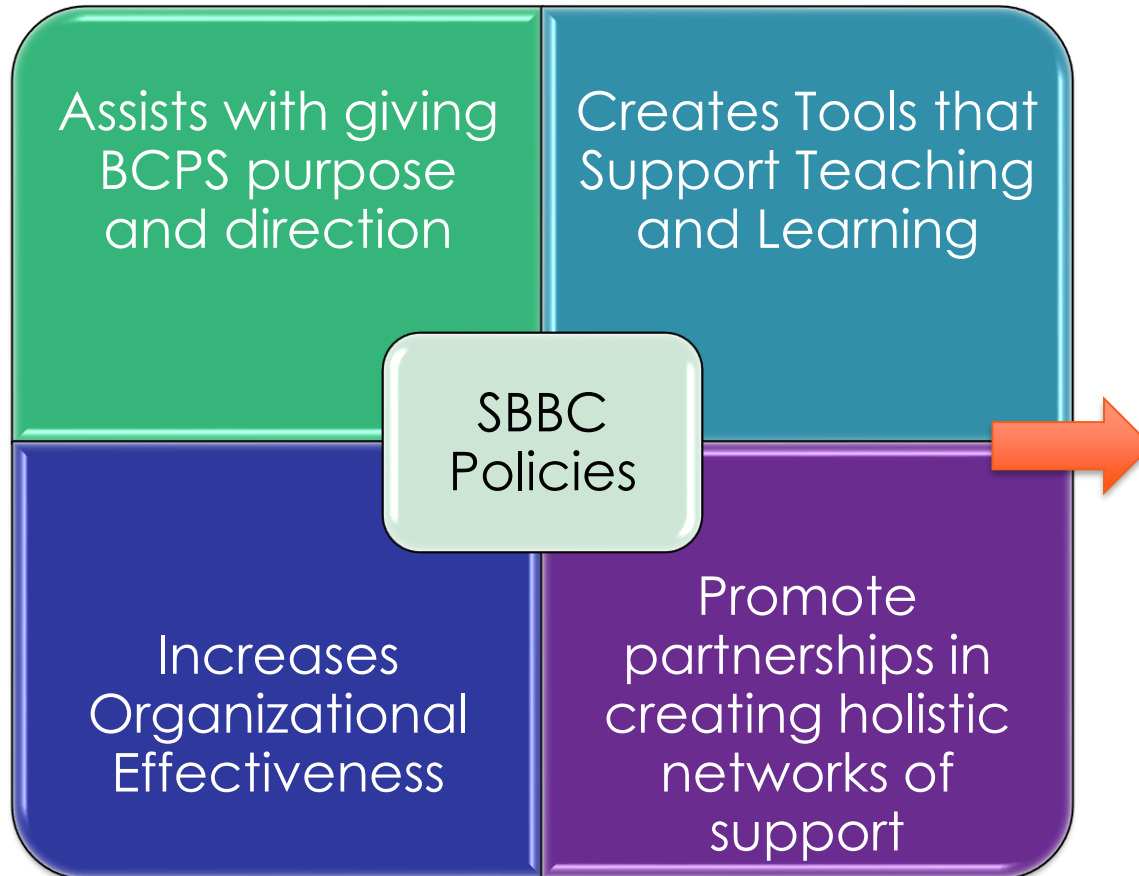
District Advisory Committee

School Board Policy Review Project

Introductory Presentation



Rationale



November 29 – December 3, 2021
System Accreditation Engagement Review

One of the functions of a school board is to maintain and operate with current and relevant policies. Policies define the roles and responsibilities of the board in carrying out the governing of the district.

The governing authority establishes and ensures adherence to policies that are designed to support system effectiveness.

Improving

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A review of the board policy manual for Broward County Public Schools reveals 20 or more policies that have not been amended, reviewed, or revised in over five years. Some policies have adoption dates of 1974 and no revisions or amendments since. Conversations with school leaders indicate that the board is beginning to engage in a plan of board policy updates to bring the manual up to date. It was recommended by Cognia that we move aggressively on these revisions.



3-Phased Review Project

REVIEW

Perform an assessment on all School Board policies.



SEARCHABILITY

Revision the way our policies are categorized and accessed online. Make the searching of our policy more user-friendly.

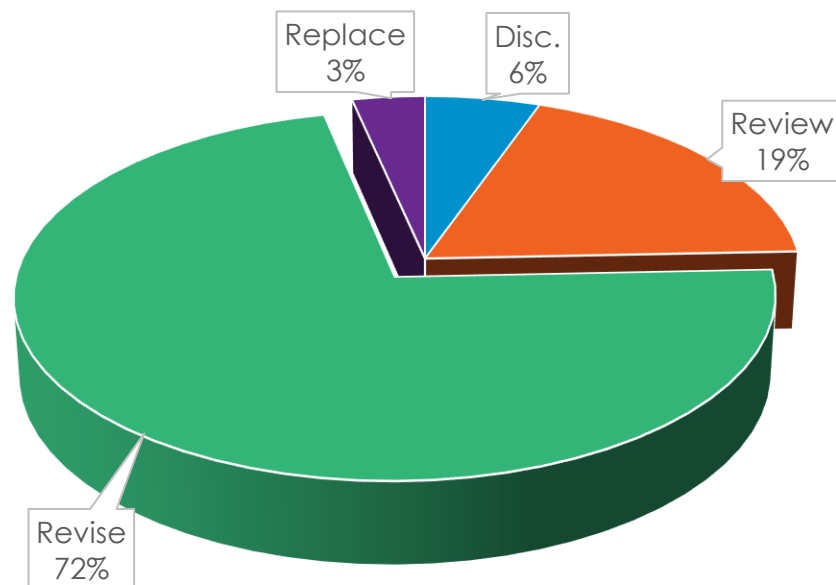
TRAINING

Create instructional guides and tools on how to access and read the policies.



POLICY PROJECT ACTIONS OF INTENT

Actions	Action Details	#of Policies
Discontinued	Sunset or repeal a policy, will be moved offline from future use	19
Review	Current, policy number and formatting revised	66
Revise	Minor changes, policy number and formatting revised	252
Replace	Major changes, policy number and formatting revised	12
TOTAL		349



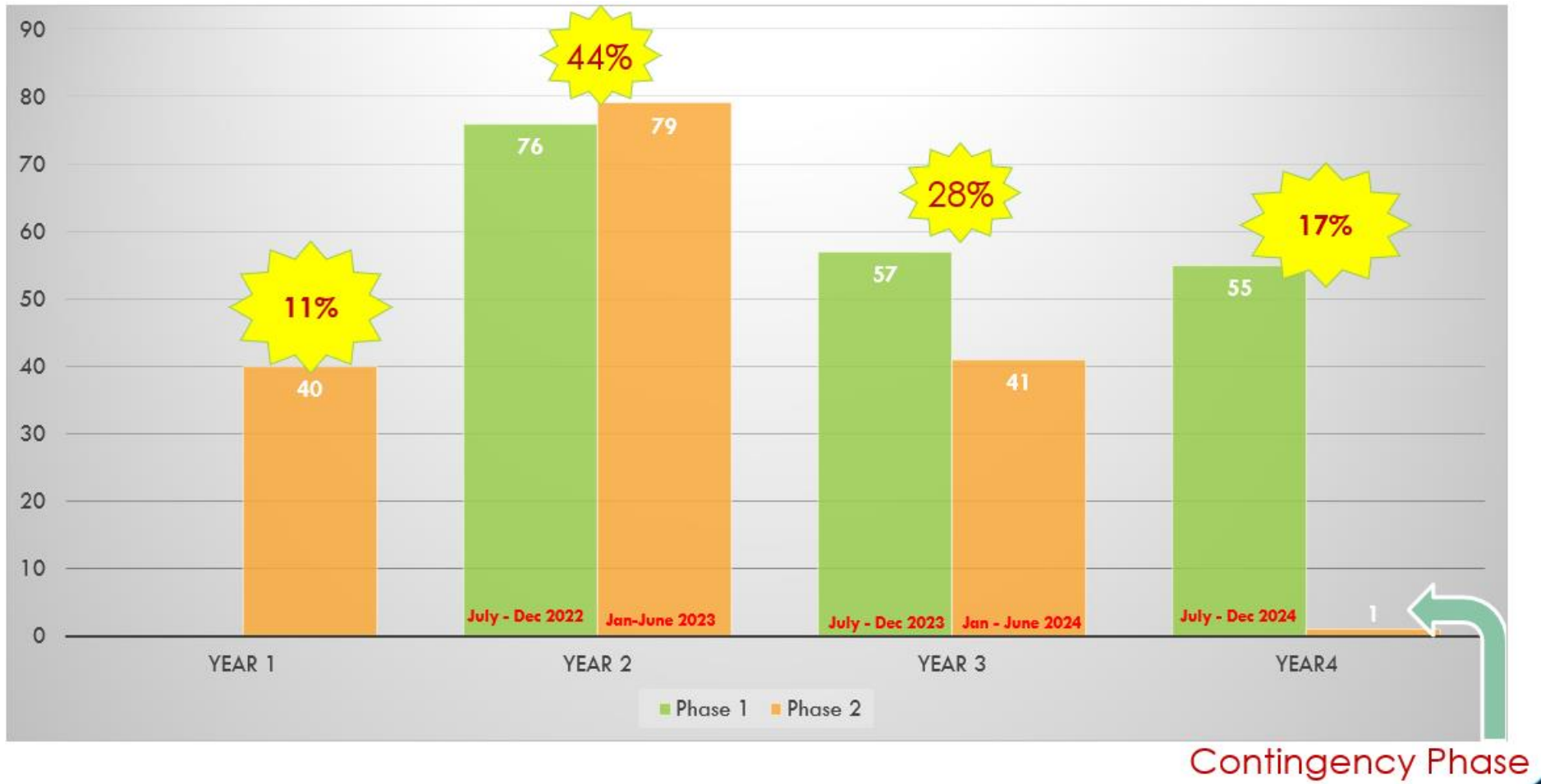
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2000-2009	22%
2010-Current	27%
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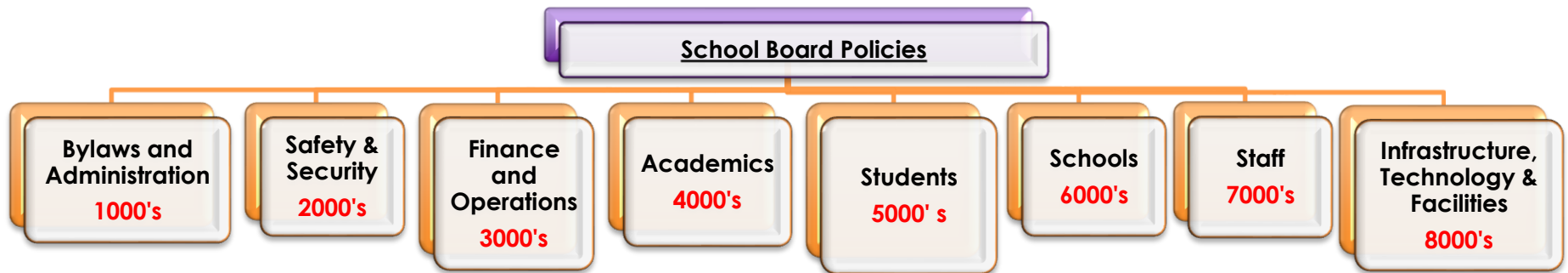
50% of our Policies



PROJECT WORKLOAD



New Policy Numbering Model Subject Matter



The above modeling system is aligned with how we categorize resources on our District website: Parents/Families, Students, Staff, and District. School Board Policies will be grouped by resource streams



What is involved in the Policy reviews?



- Mandatory Legal Reviews for all policies
- Stakeholder: Community and Committee input is still expected to be considered (*if warranted*)
- All reviews must still follow the Rule Development/Rulemaking policy
- All policies will now be placed in a standard template to ensure consistency



How does year-1 reviews look?



Date	Action
May 3	Present SB Policy Review Project to Board Review Non-Academic Policies- include summary of the intent of the proposed revisions (Workshop #1)
May 24 & May 31	Review Academic Policies- include summary of the intent of the proposed revisions (Workshop #1)
August 9	Final Review of all policies- include strikethroughs and sample language for all policy revisions (Workshop #2- Rule Development)
September 13	Present final language to Board for adoption (Rule Making)



REPEALED POLICIES LIST

Policy #	Policy (Rule) Title
5204	Public Appearances
5205	Social Events
6200	General Policy Statement
6317	School Media Centers
4213	Academic Freedom
1342	Use of School Board Data Processing
3201	LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS
6.5	Instructional Material
6308	Instructional And Digital Classroom Materials Policy
5301	Behavior Management
5308	Student Conduct
5.9	Anti-Bullying
5100.2	Student Records: Transfer, Retention and Disposal
7013	Resource Conservation
6742	Use Of Instructional Television by Cable Television Companies
4104	Temporary And Temporary Part-Time Noninstructional Personnel
6002	Single-Track Modified Calendar Policy
6311	Student Services and Materials
5312	Standards Of Student Services
5.5 B	Attendance-Elementary Matrix
5.5 C	Attendance-Secondary Matrix
5.5 D	Attendance- Frequently Asked Questions
5.1 A-1	The Homeless Children and Youth In Transition Policy and Procedures Manual
1164	Community and Public Engagement



REVISED POLICIES LIST

Policy #	Policy (Rule) Title
1000	Rule Development and Rulemaking
7010	Employee Evaluations
4120	Innovative Learning Commons
4100	Instructional and Digital Classroom Materials
8530	Educational Records, Maintenance, Transfer, Retention And Disposal
5900	Anti-Bullying
8550	Electronic Devices Use and Operational Restrictions
8560	Process To Control Forms
8520	Centralized Student Record Keeping
8510	Technology Advisory Committee
7000	Employment Of Permanent Part-Time; And Temporary & Temporary Part-Time Non-Instructional Personnel
6200	Publications
6320	Protocol For High School Graduation and Senior Activities
6360	Student Parking on School Campuses
8530	Centralized Student Record Keeping
4210	Environmental Education and Conservation Policy
1600	Distribution of Broward Education Communications Network (BECON) Digital Content



Concern from Board: duration of the project

Initial reviews of all policies will be completed no later than June 2025



The COGNIA team visited the District from November 29 – December 3, 2021 and conducted more than 230 interview sessions with School Board members, the Interim Superintendent, District administrators, teachers, staff, labor representatives, parents, students and community stakeholders. The team also virtually visited 48 schools to observe District and school practices and – over several months – analyzed comprehensive performance data and supporting documentation. **At the conclusion of the visit, the COGNIA team announced BCPS was awarded reaccreditation for five more years.**



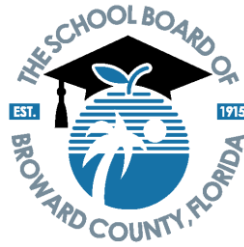
Clarification on final policy : What will all policies include as of 2025/26

- Input from our community, committee, and other stakeholders
- Legally compliant with the laws and rule requirements
- Reduction in number of duplicate and contradictory policies
- Policies will serve the current needs of the district and our students
- New policy number and template refresh, retitled to better speak to the policy's subject matter
- Sustainability in the review process (see below): Policy 1000 (Formerly Policy No. 1001) Rule Development and Rulemaking

7. (POLICY) RULE UPDATES

~~All~~ **Each** rule (policy) must be reviewed and/or revised **within five (5) years of the policy's last review** ~~as often as necessary~~ to ensure that ~~it are correct~~ **continues to be relevant regarding the needs of the District** and comply with **current statutory requirements of The School Board's governing laws and rules**. Additionally, the Superintendent's designee(s) shall conduct a formal review of all District rules in compliance with Section **120.74**, Florida Statutes.





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