Agenda

Final Reading Item: III. Q.

Two-Way Communications Systems Policy 2.301

The Background:

During a comprehensive policy audit and revision process, the staff of the Department of Education and the State Board have identified the Two-Way Communications System Policy as obsolete as most schools no longer use two-way communications systems as part of their emergency preparedness plans.

Per statute (T.C.A. § 49-6-3402) all alternative schools are still required to maintain two-way communications systems. This requirement for alternative schools is incorporated into the State Board's Administrative Rules and Regulations (0520-01-02-.09) to comply with state law.

Given the limited the nature of two-way communications systems and the inclusion of all statutory requirements in State Board rule, the current stand-alone Two-Way Communications System Policy is recommended for repeal. Repeal of this policy will help ensure State Board policies are current and relevant for LEAs.

There have been no changes since first reading.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.