**Signed Statements**

**Child Abuse Reporting Statement**

The Governing Board requires all employees who are child care custodians, medical practitioners or nonmedical practitioners, as defined by Penal Code 11165, to report known or suspected instances of child abuse.

Prior to employment, persons in the above positions shall sign a statement to the effect that the employee knows of the legal requirement to report known or suspected instances of child abuse and is prepared to comply with this provision of law. (Penal Code 11166.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the provisions of this policy are carried out in accordance with the law.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect)

**Legal Reference:**

- **EDUCATION CODE**
  - 44690 et seq. Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect

- **PENAL CODE**
  - 273a Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health
  - 11165-11165.5 Definitions relating to child abuse
  - 11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse
  - 11172 Exemption from civil and criminal liability resulting from required reporting of known or suspected child abuse; failure to report is a misdemeanor

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