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**LOS BANOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Los Banos Unified School District Office Boardroom
1717 S. 11th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
9:00 A.M.**

AGENDA

The District welcomes Spanish speakers to Board meetings. Anyone planning to attend and needing an interpreter should call 826-3801, 48 hours in advance of the meeting, so arrangements can be made for an interpreter.

El Distrito da la bienvenida a las personas de habla hispana a las juntas de la Mesa Directiva. Si planea asistir y necesita interpretación llame al 826-3801, 48 horas antes de la junta, para poder hacer arreglos de interpretación.

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call Public Session to Order

B. Roll Call

Margaret Benton	Anthony Parreira
Luis Castro	Anahi Rodriguez
Ray Martinez	Marlene Smith
Gary Munoz	

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Proposed Action: Approve Agenda

IV. OPEN REGULAR MEETING

1. Federal Program Monitoring Procedures (FPM) Updates (First Read) (Pg 2)

It is recommended that the Board declare its intent to adopt the following mandated FPM updates: Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Policies and Procedures, Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Annual Notice, Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Proposed Action: Declare Intent to Adopt

V. CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Section 54957.6) Agency Negotiators: Tammie Calzadillas, Amer Iqbal, Mark Marshall, Paula Mastrangelo and C. Sean Richey; Employee Organization: LBTA, CSEA, Non-Represented Groups (No Action).
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code section 54957)
Discussion/No Action Title: District Superintendent (No Action)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Americans with Disabilities Act Assistance: Auxiliary aids and services include a wide range of services and devices that promote effective communications to individuals with disabilities. If you require such assistance, please notify the Office of the Superintendent at 826-3801 as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to give primary consideration to expressed preferences or provide equally effective means of communication to ensure equal access to District programs and events.

Board Reference Material

SUBJECT TITLE: Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Procedures Updates (First Read)

REQUESTED ACTION: Declare Intent to Adopt

Action X

Discussion/Information

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board declare its intent to adopt the following mandated FPM updates:

Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Policies and Procedures

Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Annual Notice

Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the Federal Program Monitoring process, it was determined that LBUSD needed updated policies and procedures for Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) and Williams Complaints. Since the last time these policies and procedures were updated, the State Board of Education adopted new required language for both the UCP and Williams Complaint policies and procedures. These updated documents contain the new required language.

HOW DOES THIS ACTIVITY SUPPORT BOARD GOALS?

This activity is operational in nature, and does support a specific Board Goal.

ALTERNATIVES/IDENTIFIED OPPOSITION:

Mandated FPM policies must be acted upon; optional policies are recommended, but are adopted at the discretion of the Board.

SPECIFIC FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

ORIGINATOR: Dr. C. Sean Richey, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: February 11, 2020

Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Policies and Procedures

October 2019

**Los Banos Unified School District
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**Adopted by our Governing Board or authorized designee on February
13, 2020**

Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP)

This document contains rules and instructions about the filing, investigation and resolution of a Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) complaint regarding an alleged violation by Los Banos Unified School District of federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs, including non-compliance with laws relating to pupil fees and our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

This document presents information about how we process UCP complaints concerning particular programs or activities that are subject to the UCP.

A UCP complaint is a written and signed statement by a complainant alleging a violation of federal or state laws or regulations, which may include an allegation of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying or charging pupil fees for participation in an educational activity or non-compliance with the requirements of our LCAP.

A complainant is any individual, including a person's duly authorized representative or an interested third party, public agency, or organization who files a written complaint alleging violation of federal or state laws or regulations, including allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying and non-compliance with laws relating to pupil fees or non-compliance with the requirements of our LCAP.

If the complainant is unable to put the complaint in writing, due to a disability or illiteracy, we shall assist the complainant in the filing of the complaint.

The Responsibilities of Los Banos Unified School District

We shall have the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

We shall investigate and seek to resolve, in accordance with our UCP process, any complaints alleging failure to comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations including, but not limited to, allegations of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying or noncompliance with laws relating to all programs and activities implemented by the Los Banos Unified School District that are subject to the UCP.

The Los Banos Unified School District developed the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) process with policies and procedures adopted by our board.

According to state and federal codes and regulations, the programs and activities subject to the UCP are:

- Accommodations for Pregnant and Parenting Pupils
- Adult Education
- After School Education and Safety
- Agricultural Career Technical Education
- Career Technical and Technical Education; Career Technical; Technical Training (State)
- Career Technical Education (Federal)
- Child Care and Development
- Compensatory Education
- Course Periods without Educational Content
- Education Of Pupils In Foster Care, Pupils Who Are Homeless, Former Juvenile Court Pupils Now Enrolled In A School District, and Pupils Of Military Families
- Every Student Succeeds Act / No Child Left Behind (Titles I–VII)
- Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP)
- Migrant Education
- Physical Education Instructional Minutes
- Pupil Fees
- Reasonable Accommodations to a Lactating Pupil
- Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
- School Plans For Student Achievement
- School Safety Plans
- Schoolsite Councils
- State Preschool
- State Preschool Health And Safety Issues In LEAs Exempt From Licensing

The following complaints shall be referred to other agencies for appropriate resolution and are not subject to our UCP process set forth in this document unless these procedures are made applicable by separate interagency agreements:

Allegations of child abuse shall be referred to County Department of Social Services (DSS), Protective Services Division or appropriate law enforcement agency.

Health and safety complaints regarding a Child Development Program shall be referred to Department of Social Services for licensed facilities, and to the appropriate Child Development regional administrator for licensing-exempt facilities.

Employment discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints shall be sent to the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH).

Allegations of fraud shall be referred to the Legal, Audits and Compliance Branch in the California Department of Education (CDE).

Pupil Fees

A pupil fee is a fee, deposit, or other charge imposed on pupils, or a pupil's parents or guardians, in violation of state codes and constitutional provisions which require educational activities to be provided free of charge to all pupils without regard to their families' ability or willingness to pay fees or request special waivers. Educational activities are those offered by a school, school district, charter school, or county office of education that constitute a fundamental part of education, including, but not limited to, curricular and extracurricular activities.

A pupil fee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

A fee charged to a pupil as a condition for registering for school or classes, or as a condition for participation in a class or an extracurricular activity, regardless of whether the class or activity is elective or compulsory, or is for credit.

A security deposit, or other payment, that a pupil is required to make to obtain a lock, locker, book, class apparatus, musical instrument, clothes, or other materials or equipment.

A purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials, supplies, equipment, or clothes associated with an educational activity.

The Local Control Accountability Plan

The LCAP is an important component of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the revised school finance system that overhauled how California funds its K-12 schools. Under the LCFF we are required to prepare an LCAP, which describes how we intend to meet annual goals for our pupils, with specific activities to address state and local priorities identified pursuant to California *Education Code (EC)* Section 52060(d).

The UCP Annual Notice

We ensure annual dissemination of a written notice of our complaint procedures to all students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, school and district advisory committee members, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties that includes information regarding allegations about discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

Our UCP Annual Notice shall also include information regarding the requirements of *EC* Section 49010 through 49013 relating to pupil fees and information regarding the requirements of *EC* Section 52075 relating to the LCAP.

Our UCP Annual Notice shall be in English and in the primary language, pursuant to section 48985 of the Education Code, or mode of communication of the recipient of the notice.

In order to identify appropriate subjects of state preschool health and safety issues, we also have a notice that is posted in each California state preschool program classroom in each school notifying parents, guardians, pupils, and teachers of (1) the health and safety requirements under Title 5 of the *California Code of Regulations* that apply to California state preschool programs pursuant to *HSC* section 1596.7925 and (2) where to get a form for a state preschool health and safety issues complaint.

Filing UCP Complaints

When Filing Pupil Fees UCP Complaints

A pupil fees complaint may be filed with the principal of a school or our superintendent or his or her designee.

A pupil fees complaint and/or an LCAP complaint may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance.

A pupil fees complaint shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred.

When Filing State Preschool Health and Safety Issues UCP Complaints

UCP complaints regarding state preschool health and safety issues pursuant to *HSC* section 1596.7925 shall include the following statements:

File with the preschool program administrator or his or her designee.

A state preschool health and safety issues complaint pursuant to *HSC* section 1596.7925 about problems beyond the authority of the preschool program administrator shall be forwarded in a timely manner, but not to exceed 10 working days to the appropriate local educational agency official for resolution.

A state preschool health and safety issues complaint pursuant to *HSC* section 1596.7925 may be filed anonymously. A complainant who identifies himself or herself is entitled to a response if he or she indicates that a response is requested. A complaint form shall include a space to mark to indicate whether a response is requested. If Section 48985 of the *Education Code* is otherwise applicable, the response, if requested, and report shall be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

A complaint form for a state preschool health and safety issue pursuant to *HSC* section 1596.7925 shall specify the location for filing a complaint. A complainant may add as much text to explain the complaint as he or she wishes.

When Filing All UCP Complaints

We will provide an opportunity for complainants and/or representatives to present evidence or information.

Refusal by the complainant to provide the investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, or to otherwise fail or refuse to cooperate in the investigation or engage in any other obstruction of the investigation, may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegations.

Refusal by the Los Banos Unified School District to provide the investigator with access to records and/or other information related to the allegation in the complaint, or to otherwise fail or refuse to cooperate in the investigation or engage in any other obstruction of the investigation, may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and may result in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant.

The complaint will be investigated and a written report with a Decision will be issued to the complainant by us within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the complaint, unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of time.

This report will contain the following elements:

- i. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered.
- ii. Conclusion of law.
- iii. Disposition of the complaint.
- iv. The rationale for such a disposition.
- v. Corrective actions, if any are warranted.
- vi. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal our Decision to the CDE.
- vii. Procedures to be followed for initiating an appeal to CDE.

The preschool program administrator or the designee of the district superintendent shall (1) make all reasonable efforts to investigate any problem within his or her authority. Investigations shall begin within 10 days of the receipt of the complaint and (2) remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period, but not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received and report to the complainant the resolution of the complaint within 45 working days of the initial filing. If the preschool program administrator makes this report, he or she shall also report the same information in the same timeframe to the designee of the district superintendent.

UCP Complaint Investigation

The staff member, position, or unit responsible to receive and investigate UCP complaints and ensure our compliance in our agency is :

Name or title: Dr. Sean Richey

Unit or office: Chief Academic Officer

Address: 1717 South 11th Street, Los Banos. CA 93635

Phone: 209 – 826 -3801 ext. 7006

Electronic mail address: srichey@losbanosusd.k12.ca.us

The staff member, position, or unit responsible to receive and investigate UCP complaints and ensure our compliance in our agency is knowledgeable about the laws and programs assigned to investigate.

The Los Banos Unified School District will investigate all allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying against any protected group as identified in *EC* Section 200 and 220 and Government Code (*GC*) Section section 11135, including any actual or perceived characteristics as set forth in Penal Code (*PC*) Section 422.55 or on the basis or a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics in any program or activity we conduct, which is funded directly by, or that receives or benefits from any state financial assistance.

Unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints shall be filed no later than six months from the date the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying occurred, or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying.

All complainants are protected from retaliation.

We advise complainants of the right to pursue civil law remedies under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying laws.

UCP Complaint Resolution

If Los Banos Unified School District finds merit in a complaint regarding Pupil Fees; Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP); and/or Physical Education Instructional Minutes (grades one through eight), the remedy shall to go all affected pupils and parents/guardians.

If we find merit in a complaint regarding Reasonable Accommodations to a Lactating Pupil; Course Periods without Educational Content (grades nine through twelve); and/or Education of Pupils in Foster Care, Pupils who are Homeless, former Juvenile Court Pupils now enrolled in a school district, and pupils in military families, the public school or LEA shall provide a remedy to the affected pupil.

We ensure an attempt shall be made in good faith to engage in reasonable efforts to identify and fully reimburse all pupils, parents and guardians who paid a pupil fee within one year prior to the filing of the complaint.

We shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all state preschool health and safety issues complaints on a quarterly basis to the county superintendent of schools and our board.

The summaries shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled meeting of our board.

The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints.

We are aware that all complaints and responses are public records.

UCP Complaint Appeal Process

An appeal is a request made in writing to a level higher than the original reviewing level by an aggrieved party requesting reconsideration or a reinvestigation of the lower adjudicating body's decision.

A complainant may appeal our Decision of a UCP complaint to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) or his or her designee at the CDE (here and after known as SSPI) regarding all specified federal and state educational programs subject to the UCP.

To appeal our Decision of all UCP complaints except State Preschool Health and Safety Issues the complainant must file a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the Decision to the SSPI.

To appeal our Decision of State Preschool Health and Safety Issues only the complainant must file a written appeal within 30 days of receiving the Decision to the SSPI.

This appeal to the CDE must fully explain the basis for the appeal, stating how the facts of our Decision are incorrect and/or the law is misapplied.

In addition the appeal shall be sent to CDE with:

1. A copy of the original locally filed complaint; and
2. A copy of our Decision of this original locally filed complaint.

A complainant not satisfied with the resolution of the preschool program administrator or the designee of the district superintendent has the right to describe the complaint to our board at a regularly scheduled hearing.

The SSPI shall comply with the requirements of 5 CCR section 4633 and shall provide an Investigation Report to the State Board of Education describing the basis for the complaint, our response to the state preschool health and safety issues complaint and its remedy or proposed remedy.

Federal and State Laws Cited:

20 *United States Code (U.S.C.)* section 6301 et seq.

34 *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)* sections 299.11

California Education Code (EC) sections 200, 220, 222, 234.1-234.5, 262.3, 8235.5, 8200-8493; 8500-8538, 32280-32289; 33315; 35186, 46015, 47606-47606.5, 47607.3, 48645.5, 48645.7, 48853, 48853.5, 48985, 49010-49013, 49069.5, 51210, 51223, 51225.1, 51225.2, 51228.1-51228.3, 52060-52075, 52300-52462, 52500-52616.4, 54440-54445, 64001, 65000.

California Government Code (GC) sections 11135, 17581.6(f).

California Penal Code (PC) section 422.55.

California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) sections 300

Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Annual Notice

Los Banos Unified School District 2019—2020 UCP Annual Notice

The Los Banos Unified School District annually notifies our students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, the district advisory committee, school advisory committees, appropriate private school officials, and other interested parties of the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) process.

The Los Banos Unified School District is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including those related to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying against any protected group, and all programs and activities that are subject to the UCP.

Programs and Activities Subject to the UCP

- Accommodations for Pregnant and Parenting Pupils
- Adult Education
- After School Education and Safety
- Agricultural Career Technical Education
- Career Technical and Technical Education, Career Technical, Technical Training (state)
- Career Technical Education (federal)
- Child Care and Development
- Compensatory Education
- Course Periods without Educational Content
- Education of Pupils in Foster Care, Pupils who are Homeless, former Juvenile Court Pupils now enrolled in a school district and Children of Military Families
- Every Student Succeeds Act
- Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP)
- Migrant Education
- Physical Education Instructional Minutes
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- Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
- School Plans For Student Achievement
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- State Preschool
- State Preschool Health And Safety Issues In LEAs Exempt From Licensing

Pupil Fees

A pupil fee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

A fee charged to a pupil as a condition for registering for school or classes, or as a condition for participation in a class or an extracurricular activity, regardless of whether the class or activity is elective or compulsory, or is for credit.

A security deposit, or other payment, that a pupil is required to make to obtain a lock, locker, book, class apparatus, musical instrument, clothes, or other materials or equipment.

A purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials, supplies, equipment, or clothes associated with an educational activity.

A pupil fees complaint may be filed with the principal of a school or our superintendent or his or her designee. A pupil fees and/or an LCAP complaint may be filed anonymously, however, the complainant must provide evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint.

A pupil enrolled in a school in our district shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity.

A pupil fee complaint shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred.

Additional Information

We shall post a standardized notice of the educational rights of pupils in foster care, pupils who are homeless, former juvenile court pupils now enrolled in a school district, and pupils in military families as specified in *Education Code* Sections 48645.7, 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2. This notice shall include complaint process information, as applicable.

We shall post a notice to identify appropriate subjects of state preschool health and safety issues in each California state preschool program classroom in each school notifying parents, guardians, pupils, and teachers of (1) the health and safety requirements under Title 5 of the *California Code of Regulations* that apply to California state preschool programs pursuant to *HSC* section 1596.7925 and (2) where to get a form for a state preschool health and safety issues complaint.

Contact Information

The staff member, position, or unit responsible to receive UCP complaints in our agency is: Dr. Sean Richey

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Complaints will be investigated and a written report with a Decision will be sent to the complainant within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the complaint. This time period may be extended by written agreement of the complainant. The person responsible for investigating the complaint shall conduct and complete the investigation in accordance with our UCP policies and procedures.

The complainant has a right to appeal our Decision of complaints regarding specific programs and activities subject to the UCP, pupil fees and the LCAP to CDE by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving our Decision. The appeal must be accompanied by a copy of the originally-filed complaint and a copy of our Decision.

We advise any complainant of civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying laws, if applicable.

Copies of our Uniform Complaint Procedures process shall be available free of charge.

Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures

May 2019

Los Banos Unified School District

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Adopted by our Governing Board on February 13, 2020

Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures

This document contains rules and instructions about the filing, investigation and resolution of a Williams complaint regarding alleged deficiencies related to instructional materials, the condition of a facility that is not maintained in a clean or safe manner or in good repair, and teacher vacancy or misassignment.

The Los Banos Unified School District adopted the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) process in accordance with Chapter 5.1 (commencing with Section 4680) of the *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5, to resolve Williams complaints. This document presents information about how we process complaints concerning Williams Settlement issues. A UCP complaint is a written and signed statement by a complainant alleging a violation of state laws or regulations. A complainant is any individual, including a person's duly authorized representative or an interested third party, public agency, or organization who files a written complaint alleging violation of state laws or regulations, regarding alleged deficiencies related to instructional materials, the condition of a facility that is not maintained in a clean or safe manner or in good repair, and teacher vacancy or misassignment. If a complainant is unable to put the complaint in writing, due to a disability or illiteracy, we shall assist the complainant in the filing of the complaint.

The Responsibility of the Los Banos Unified School District

The Los Banos Unified School District is required to have local policies and procedures that enable Williams Complaints to be handled through our UCP process, to post a classroom notice informing parents, guardians, pupils, and teachers of their rights to file a Williams complaint in each classroom in each school, and to provide a complaint form for Williams complaints regarding alleged deficiencies related to instructional materials, conditions of facilities that are not maintained in a clean or safe manner or in good repair, and teacher vacancy or misassignment.

If a response is requested by the complainant, the response will go to the mailing address of the complainant indicated on the complaint.

If *Education Code* Section 48985 is applicable and 15 percent or more of the pupils in grades K – 12 enrolled in our district speak a language other than English, the Williams Complaint Classroom Notice and the Williams Complaint Form shall be written in English and in the primary language of the complainant. The complaint response, if requested, and final report shall be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

A Williams Complaint about problems beyond the authority of the school principal shall be forwarded in a timely manner, but will not exceed 10 working days, to the appropriate school district official for resolution.

The principal or the designee of the district superintendent, as applicable, shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any problem within his or her authority.

The principal, or, where applicable, district superintendent or his or her designee shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period but not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received.

The principal, or where applicable, district superintendent or his or her designee, shall report to the complainant the resolution of the complaint within 45 working days of the initial filing, if complainant identifies himself or herself and requested a response.

The principal makes this report; the principal shall also report the same information in the same timeframe to the district superintendent or his or her designee.

The school district shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints on a quarterly basis to the county superintendent of schools and the governing board of the school district.

The summaries shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board of the school district.

The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints.

The complaints and responses shall be available as public records.

The Williams Complaint Classroom Notice

We make sure that the Williams Complaint Classroom Notice is posted in each classroom in each school in the district and includes:

- The parents, guardians, pupils, and teachers,
- a statement proclaiming sufficient textbooks and instructional materials,
- (For there to be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials each pupil, including English Learners, must have a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home)
- a statement that school facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair,
- a statement that there should be no teacher vacancies or misassignments, and the location at which to obtain a form to file a complaint in case of a shortage.

The Williams Complaint Form

We make sure that the Williams Complaint form is available for parents, guardians, pupils, and teachers to use.

Every school in our district shall have a complaint form available for such Williams complaints.

The Williams Complaint form shall include:

- A section to indicate if a response is requested,
- a section for contact information including mailing address if a response be requested.
- a statement that a pupil, including an English Learner, does not have standards - aligned textbooks or instructional materials or state adopted or district adopted textbooks or other required instructional materials to use in class.
- a statement that a pupil does not have access to textbooks or instructional materials to use at home or after school. This does not require two sets of textbooks or instructional materials for each pupil.
- a statement that textbooks or instructional materials are in poor or unusable condition, having missing pages, or are unreadable due to damage.
- a statement that a pupil was provided photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials to address a shortage of textbooks or instructional materials.
- a statement that a condition poses an urgent or emergency threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff, including: gas leaks, nonfunctioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers or air - conditioning systems, electrical power failure, major sewer line stoppage, major pest or vermin infestation, broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and that pose a security risk, abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that pose an immediate threat to pupils or staff, structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition, and any other emergency conditions the school district determines appropriate.
- a statement that a school restroom has not been maintained or cleaned regularly, is not fully operational, or has not been stocked at all times with toilet paper, soap, and towels or functional hand dryers.
- a statement that the school has not kept all restrooms open during school hours when pupils are not in classes, and has not kept a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when pupils are in classes. This does not apply when temporary closing of the restroom is necessary for pupil safety or to make repairs.
- a statement that a semester begins and a teacher vacancy exists. (A position to which a single designated certificate employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one - semester course, a position of which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of a semester for an entire semester).

- a statement that a teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English Learners is assigned to teach a class with more than 20 percent English Learners pupils in the class.
- a statement that a teacher is assigned to teach a class for which the teacher lacks subject matter competency.
- a section to identify the location of the school in which the alleged violation took place,
- a section to identify the course or grade level, if applicable,
- a section where the complainant describes the specific nature of the complaint in detail,
- a statement that the complainant may include as much text as the complainant feels is necessary, and
- a statement identifying the place to file the complaint that includes the office and address of the principal or his/her designee of the school in which the alleged violation took place.

Filing a Williams Complaint with the Los Banos Unified School District

A Williams complaint shall be filed with the principal of the school or his or her designee, in which the complaint arises.

A Williams complaint may be filed anonymously.

The complainant need not use the Williams Complaint form to file a complaint.

How to Appeal a Williams Complaint

A complainant who is not satisfied with the resolution of the principal or the district superintendent or his or her designee, involving deficiencies related to instructional materials, the condition of a facility that is not maintained in a clean or safe manner or in good repair, and teacher vacancy or misassignment, has the right to describe the complaint to the governing board of the school district at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board.

A complainant who is then not satisfied with the resolution proffered by the principal, or the district superintendent or his or her designee, involving a condition of a facility that poses an emergency or urgent threat, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of *EC* Section 17592.72, has the right to file an appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction at the California Department of Education (CDE) within 15 days of receiving the report.

Conditions that pose an emergency or urgent threat (not cosmetic or nonessential) to the health and safety of pupils or staff while at school include the following:

- Gas leaks.
- Nonfunctioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air-conditioning systems.
- Electrical power failure.
- Major sewer line stoppage.
- Major pest or vermin infestation.
- Broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and that pose a security risk.
- Abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that pose an immediate threat to pupil or staff.
- Structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition.

In regards to the resolution proffered by the principal, or the district superintendent or his or her designee, involving a condition of a facility that poses an emergency or urgent threat, the complainant shall comply with the appeal requirements of 5 CCR Section 4632.

A complainant may appeal the Decision of an emergency or urgent threat to the CDE by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the Decision.

The complainant shall specify the basis for the appeal of the Decision and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law is misapplied.

The appeal shall be accompanied by:

1. A copy of the original locally filed complaint; and
2. A copy of our Decision of this original locally filed complaint.

State Laws cited:

California *Education Code* Sections 1240, 17592.72, 35186, 35292.5, 48985.

California *Code of Regulations*, Title 5 [5 CCR] Sections 4600–4687