

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 8 b

MEETING OF September 22, 2021

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY

Policy Committee

Approval in first reading of a new Board Policy 1420 -
Relations between Sovereign Nations and the Schools

SUBMITTED BY: The Policy Committee

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Melissa Brooks-Johnson, Interim Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

A new Board policy is being proposed by the policy committee.

ISSUE:

Board Bylaw 9300 states that "The formulation and adoption of written Board policies shall constitute the basic method by which the Board shall govern the school district." Board Policy 0500 and Board Bylaw 9311 both address the ongoing review of district policies and programs by the School Board.

BACKGROUND:

The policy committee has written this policy regarding the Board's relationship with tribal governments.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed new policy- Relations between Sovereign Nations and the Schools

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve a new policy, BP 1420, Relations between Sovereign Nations and the Schools in first reading.

BP 1420 RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVEREIGN NATIONS AND THE SCHOOLS

The School Board recognizes that sovereign nations share its concern and responsibility for the welfare, health and safety of our youth. The Board and staff shall take every opportunity to consult with these tribal governments for the benefit of our students.

The School Board shall initiate and maintain good working relationships with representatives of tribal governments in order to help our schools and students succeed. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that agreements with tribal governments, which involve the exchange of funds or reciprocal services, are executed in writing so that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined.

UNITED STATES CODE

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 USC §§ 6311 (h)(2), as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114- 95 (December 10, 2015)

AR 1420 RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVEREIGN NATIONS AND THE SCHOOLS

The School Board President shall engage the elected leadership of the tribal governments in order to arrange formal consultation between the governing bodies. The School Board shall make reasonable effort to meet annually (at a minimum) with each tribal government within the School District.

In the spirit of reciprocity, the first meeting of the year shall be hosted by the School Board, funded by the Board budget. Each governing body shall appoint representatives to collaboratively develop an agenda for the meeting.