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April Showers Bring May..... POLICIES!?!

Although Nebraska school administrators are busy counting down the days until the end of the 2015-16 school year, you should also start thinking about what you need to do over the summer. This year, changes in laws and regulations on both the state and federal level will require schools to make some significant policy changes. Here are examples of some of the changes for the 2016-17 school year:

- 1) How the district will respond to requests for accommodation from transgender students (necessitated by NSAA policy);
- 2) District review and control of staff social media accounts (necessitated by LB 821);
- 3) Student Self-management of Asthma, Diabetes and Anaphylaxis (necessitated by LB 1086);
- 4) Option Enrollment (necessitated by changes made by LB 1066);
- 5) Hazing and Initiations (necessitated by LB 710); and
- 6) Service Animals (recommended based on new regulatory guidance by the Department of Justice and related case developments).

KSB Policy Service and Policy Update Subscribers KSB is currently working on policy updates related to these and other policy issues. If you are a subscriber to either the full policy service or the policy updates, you will receive the updates via e-mail on May 20, 2016. You should plan to meet as an administrative team to review at least the policy changes we have outlined above before building principals go on summer break. KSB will then be holding our policy service webinar on June 1, 2016. We will share our thoughts and answer your questions during the webinar so that you can have all of the

information you might need to facilitate board discussion of these policies at the regular June board meeting.

If you have questions or concerns about policies or your board's policy options, we recommend that you consult with your school district's attorney or call Karen, Steve, or Bobby.