

RESOLUTION OF STAFF COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES PROCEDURE

The following procedure has been established for resolving a complaint filed by a member of the staff. Alleged violations involving Discrimination (Policy 5010) and alleged violations involving Sexual Harassment (Policy 5011) will follow their respective Procedures and referenced forms rather than Procedure 5274-P.

Step One: The staff member shall present the complaint in writing to his/her immediate supervisor within fifteen (15) days of the action or incident on form 5274-F1. The written statement of the complaint shall contain:

- 1) The facts upon which the complaint is based as the staff member who is filing the complaint sees them;
- 2) A reference to the policies of the NWESD 189 which have allegedly been violated; and
- 3) The remedies sought.

The staff member shall discuss this complaint with his/her immediate supervisor. If the complaint is against an administrator or another staff member, such individual shall be present at the meeting to present the facts as he/she sees them. A sincere effort shall be made to resolve the complaint at this level. If the aggrieved person does not appeal the complaint to the Superintendent within ten (10) days of the aggrieved person's meeting with his/her immediate supervisor, the complaint shall be waived.

Step Two: The Superintendent shall, within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the complainant's appeal, meet with that staff member to hear his/her claim. If the complaint is against an administrator or another staff member, such individual shall be present at the hearing to present the facts as he/she sees them.

The Superintendent shall render a decision regarding the appeal within ten (10) days of the appeal hearing. If the complainant does not appeal the Superintendent's decision to the Board through the Superintendent within ten (10) days, the complaint shall be waived.

Step Three:

If the complainant appeals his/her complaint to the Board as provided, the Board shall hold a hearing at its next regular meeting to hear the appeal of the Superintendent's decision. At the appeal before the Board, the complainant may be accompanied by counsel if the complainant wishes. If administrators or other staff are involved, they shall be present at the hearing to present the facts as they see them. The Board shall, within thirty (30) days of the complaint hearing, present its decision with respect to the complaint. The Board's decision shall be considered final and binding.

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