

DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

411-Exhibit (1)

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF EQUAL EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES POLICY**

It is the policy of the De Soto Area School District that no person be denied admission to any public school in this District or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, student service, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability as required by section 118.13 of the Wisconsin Statutes. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, national origin), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap), and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (disability).

Children of homeless individuals and unaccompanied homeless youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian) residing in the District shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including comparable services, as provided to other children and youth who reside in the District. Homeless children and youth shall not be required to attend a separate school or program for homeless children and shall not be stigmatized by school personnel.

The District shall provide appropriate educational services or programs for students who have been identified as having a handicap or disability, regardless of the nature or severity of the handicap or disability. The District shall also provide for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements. Requests for religious accommodations shall be made in writing and approved by the building principal.

The District encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available, however, to address allegations of violations of the equal educational opportunity policy in the District.

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to:

District Administrator
De Soto Area School District
615 Main Street
De Soto, WI 54624-8600

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