

Agenda Item Title: Instruction on Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention

Board Meeting Date: July 28, 2026

Department: Student Support Services.

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Board Agenda Category:

Consent Agenda ☐

Action Item ☒

Reports and Information ☐

Requires City Council Approval: Yes ☐ No ☒

Summary

Public Chapter 744 (SB 1710) requires all Tennessee public schools and public charter schools to provide age- and grade-appropriate child trafficking prevention and awareness education as part of health education for students in grades K–12. The law also requires school board approval of the District's plan. Murfreesboro City Schools will meet this requirement by having school counselors deliver the Second Step Child Protection curriculum during the school year. The curriculum teaches students how to recognize unsafe situations, identify trusted adults, establish personal boundaries, refuse unsafe interactions, and report concerns, with lessons aligned to Tennessee Health Education Standards and designed to build personal safety skills progressively across grade levels.

Staff Recommendation

Approval of the instruction on Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Plan.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Connection to MCS's Five-Year Strategic Plan

- ☐ **Academic Success:** Raise academic achievement for all students across content areas by closing learning gaps and ensuring readiness for the next grade level so that every child is prepared for future success.
- ☒ **Ready to Learn:** Promote the success of every child by supporting their social, behavioral, and non-academic needs in partnership with families and the community so that students are ready to learn.
- ☐ **Highly Qualified Team:** Invest in the growth and retention of our employees so that every student benefits from a well-prepared and highly qualified team.
- ☐ **Operational Efficiency:** Ensure operational efficiency so that resources effectively support and enhance student learning.
- ☐ **District of Choice:** Strategically promote and expand the strengths and opportunities of our schools so that we are recognized as the district of choice for families.

