Date: April 22, 2020
Subject: Official Message from the State Director of Special Education

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide guidance regarding the implementation of Assembly Bill 1172 and the requirement to notify the California Department of Education (CDE) and the Local Educational Agency (LEA) for any pupil-involved incident in which law enforcement is contacted.

EC 56366.1(i)(2) has been amended as follows: (effective January 1, 2020)

A nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency shall notify the department and the local educational agency with which it has a master contract of any pupil-involved incident at the school or agency in which law enforcement was contacted. This notification shall be provided in writing, no later than one business day after the incident occurred.

To meet this requirement, all nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies must notify the CDE using the following email template:

To: NPSA@cde.ca.gov

From: (insert name of nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency)

Body: On this date ________________ (insert date) law enforcement was contacted for a pupil-involved incident.

Submitted by: (insert name and title of person submitting email notification)

It is important to note that nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies may need to provide additional information, and/or submit required information in a different format, to LEAs in order to fulfill this requirement, pursuant to the terms of the master contract or local agreement.

If there are any questions regarding this subject, please contact Theresa Costa Johansen, Education Administrator, Nonpublic Schools and Agencies Unit at NPSA@cde.ca.gov.