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VSBA Policy Services recently distributed important revisions to three policies, Policy BFC Policy Adoption, Policy KN Sex Offender Registry Notification, and Policy KNA Violent Sex Offenders on School Property.

Policy BFC

There are now two options of this policy. Option 1 is the original version of this policy which was substantially revised in August. Option 2 contains minor revisions to the current policy (which was last updated in August.)

Option 1 is recommended for boards which process new and revised policies from the VSBA in a timely manner.

Option 2 is recommended for use by boards which find it difficult to consider and adopt new and revised policies in a timely manner. Those boards often find themselves in situations where they have not adopted the most recent version of a policy several months (or even years) after the policy updates have been distributed. When policies are not updated in a timely manner, boards have policies which are not based on current laws. Please note that a board that adopts Option 2 will still have an opportunity to review and revise the Policy after it has been reviewed by the division's local editorial committee.

Policies KN and KNA

These policies were revised to reflect a recent decision by the Virginia Supreme Court, Commonwealth v. Doe, No. 081691 (Va. Sept. 18, 2009). This decision clarified that school boards, not the local circuit court, has the right to determine whether, or under what circumstances, a violent sex offender may come onto school property. The revisions to Policy KN clarify that parents who are violent sex offenders will be treated the same way as other parents who are sex offenders with regard to requests to be present at school. Policy KNA, which previously addressed the treatment of violent sex offenders who wanted to be present at school, has been deleted.