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9700 - **RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

Any request from civic institutions, charitable organizations, or special interest groups which involve such activities as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales of products to and by students, sending promotional materials home with students, graduation prizes, fund raising, and free teaching materials must be carefully reviewed to ensure that such activities promote student interests.

It is the policy of the School Board that students, staff members, and District facilities not be used for promoting the interests of any non-school agency or organization, public or private, without the approval of the Board or its designee; and any such approval, granted for whatever cause or group, shall not be construed as an endorsement of said cause or group by this Board.

Pursuant to State law, a person or group may not accept a donation of public funds from the District, or any person acting on behalf of the District, for a political advertisement or electioneering communication concerning an issue, referendum, or amendment, including any State question, that is subject to a vote of the electors.

A. Political Interests

All materials or activities proposed by outside political sources for student or staff use or participation shall be reviewed by the Superintendent on the basis of their benefit to students and no such approval shall have the primary purpose of advancing the special interest of the proposing group.

The Board shall permit the use of educational materials, programs, and equipment which contains commercial messages providing the content of such messages and the manner of presentation has been approved by the Superintendent and is in compliance with the District's administrative procedures.

In addition, the Board shall permit school organizations and/or school-affiliated groups to sell space in District facilities, on District property, or in District publications for the express purpose of advertising the products or services of a commercial organization, providing the content of such advertisements and the manner of their presentation has been approved by the Superintendent and is in compliance with the District's administrative procedures.

Outside speakers representing commercial organizations will be welcome only when the commercial aspect is limited to naming the organization represented and the subject matter advances the educational aims of the District.

B. Contests/Exhibits

The Board recognizes that contests, exhibits, and the like may benefit individual students or the District as a whole, but participation in such special activities may not:

1. have the primary effect of advancing a special product, group, or company;
2. make unreasonable demands upon the time and energies of staff or students or upon the resources of the District;
3. involve any direct cost to the District;
4. interrupt the regular school program unless the student body as a whole derives benefit from such activities;
5. cause the participants to leave the School District, unless:
 - a. the Board's Policy 2340 - Field and Other District- Sponsored Trips - has been complied with in all aspects;
 - b. the Board has granted special permission;
 - c. the parents of a minor student have granted their permission.

C. Distribution/Posting of Literature

No outside organization or staff member or student representing an outside organization may distribute or post literature on that organization's behalf on District property either during or after school hours without the permission and prior review of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures that:

1. establish criteria to be used to make a decision whether or not to permit the distribution or posting of material by students;
2. address the distribution or posting of materials that employees wish to distribute or post on behalf of an employee organization in compliance with the terms of negotiated collective bargaining agreements;
3. prohibit the use of the District or the school mail system by the community, students, or staff for distribution of nonschool-related materials unless authorized by the Superintendent;
4. prohibit the distribution of materials from any profit-making organization to students to take home to their parents unless authorized by the Superintendent;
5. permit flyers and notices from outside non-profit organizations to be made available for students to pick-up at the literature distribution rack/table by the school building's office, under the following circumstances:
 - a. the flyer/notice publicizes a specific community activity or event that is age-appropriate for the students that attend the school;
 - b. if the event or activity is religious in nature, the flyer may not contain a proselytizing message (i.e., a message that promotes and/or advocates the benefits of the specific religion);
 - c. the organization submits the number of copies of the flyer that it wants placed in the literature distribution rack/table;
 - d. the organization shows the building principal its 501(C)(3) or other proof of non-profit status, and the principal confirms that the flyer/notice does not overtly advocate or entice support for any religious

organization;

No student shall be required to take any of the flyers/notices placed in the literature/distribution rack/table, and the rack/table shall contain a clear notice that the Board does not support or endorse any of the organizations and/or activities/events identified in the flyers/notices.

6. establish and clearly communicate the time, place, and manner of restrictions concerning the distribution of all nonschool-related materials.

D. Solicitation of Funds

Any outside organization or staff member representing an outside organization desiring to solicit funds on school property must receive permission to do so from the Superintendent.

Permission to solicit funds will be granted only to those organizations, ~~or~~ individuals, or staff members who meet the permission criteria established in the District's administrative procedures. Solicitation must take place at such times and places and in such a manner as specified in the administrative procedures. In accordance with Board Policy 5830, no District student may participate in the solicitation without the Superintendent's approval.

1. The Board disclaims all responsibility for the protection of, or accounting for, such funds.
2. Solicited funds are not to be deposited in any regular or special accounts of the District.
3. A copy of this policy as well as the relevant administrative procedures shall be given to any individual granted permission to solicit funds on District property.

4. This policy does not apply to the raising of funds for District- sponsored or school-sponsored activities.

5. [] Use of the name, logo, or any assets of the District, including, but not limited to facilities, technology, or communication networks is prohibited without the specific permission of the

() Board.

() Superintendent.

[] OPTION #1

The Board does not permit or sanction the use of crowdfunding for District or specific school programs or activities, including co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

[END OPTION #1]

OR

[] OPTION #2

Crowdfunding activities aimed at raising funds for a specific classroom or school activity, including extra-curricular activity, or to obtain supplemental resources (e.g., supplies or equipment) that are not required to provide a free appropriate public education to any students in the classroom may be permitted, but only with the specific approval

() of the Superintendent.

OR

() of the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

All crowdfunding activities are subject to the procedures/guidelines in AP 6605.

[END OPTION #2]

E. Prizes/Scholarship

The Board is appreciative of the generosity of organizations that offer scholarships or prizes to deserving students in

this District. But, in accepting the offer of such scholarships or prizes, the Board directs that these procedures be observed:

1. No information either academic or personal shall be released from the student's record for the purpose of selecting a scholarship or prize winner without the permission of the student who is eighteen (18), or the parents of a student who is younger in accordance with the Board's policy on student records.
2. The type of scholarship or prize, the criteria for selection of the winner, and any restrictions upon it shall be approved by the Board.
3. The principal, together with a committee of staff members designated by the principal, may be involved in the selection of the recipient and, if agreeable to the sponsoring organization, the selection shall be left entirely to the principal and staff committee.

F. Sale of School Supplies

In determining the appropriateness of the sale of school supplies by organizations other than the School District, the Board requires that:

1. the organization have a purpose which will benefit the School District and its students;
2. the organization's planned activities are clearly in the best interest of the School District and its students.

All funds generated by the sale of such school supplies shall be kept separate from other activity funds or other transactions of the Board.

G. Surveys and Questionnaires

Neither District-related nor nondistrict-related organizations shall be allowed to administer a survey or questionnaire to students or staff unless the instrument and the proposed plan is submitted, in advance, to the Superintendent. If approved, a copy of the results and the proposed manner of their communication are to be provided to him/her for review and approval before they are released.

Students shall not be required to complete surveys to provide marketing information to vendors, or distribute to vendors any personal information of students, including but not limited to names, addresses, and telephone numbers, except as may be required by law. In addition, the District shall not enter into any contract for products or services, including electronic media services, where personal information will be collected from students by the providers of the services.

See also Policy 2416 and AP 2416.

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