

**SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS**

The Governing Board recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the schools and nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help develop a sense of social responsibility in students, enhance the relationship between the school and community, and contribute to the improvement of the school program. The Board of Education also believes that the core curriculum is of prime importance and opposes in principle all activities which interfere with student academic programs.

Participation of teachers, parents/guardians and pupils in fundraising activities, or other activities sponsored by non-school youth-serving organizations, or the distribution of promotional materials not directly related to the regular public school program, shall be minimized in order to preserve maximum instructional time for all pupils. Such participation and distribution of materials shall be restricted to organizations and activities approved by the superintendent or designee, and deemed to be of definite value in furthering the educational goals of the district or in increasing student opportunities for academic, social or recreational growth in the community.

Participation in non-school related fund-raising drives is permissible only in cooperation with charitable, nonpartisan organizations, with prior approval by the superintendent or designee.

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of a charitable organization, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fund-raising. Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute to the school system or charitable organizations. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of fund-raisers.

**Solicitations on Behalf of the School**

With the prior written approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school-sponsored organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students. Official school-sponsored organizations are those such as ASB and student clubs.

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