PUBLIC SOLICITATIONS IN THE SCHOOLS

The Board acknowledges that the schools belong to the community and that the use of the schools by community groups should be encouraged. The Board also recognizes that the first purpose of the schools is to educate, and that occasionally the community’s demand on the school conflicts with the educational program. In addition to its policy regarding school buildings, the following policy deals with the use of other school resources by non-school agencies (time, personnel, materials, etc.).

Organizations wishing to distribute materials or advertise events in the schools must submit their request, with samples, to the Superintendent one month in advance. The Superintendent shall judge whether the materials are appropriate to the method of distribution, and if so, s/he may grant permission. If they are inappropriate, s/he shall withhold permission giving his/her reasons in writing to the organization. The Superintendent’s decision is final.

Organizations wishing to involve students in fund raising activities for the organization’s benefit shall make their request to the Superintendent one month in advance. The Superintendent shall judge whether or not the event has a clear educational benefit to the students involved. If a benefit does exist, the Superintendent shall ask the principals involved to determine the amount of regular educational time that might be displaced by the event, and to advise him/her as to whether the cost in time, effort, and opportunity outweigh the benefits. The Superintendent shall grant or withhold permission based on this information. The Superintendent’s decision is final.