

CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS OF STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOLS

Background

Requests to permit solicitation of contributions from students in District schools present problems which have intensified with the proliferation of fund-raising charitable organizations.

While it is recognized that the encouragement of altruistic attitudes in students is a desirable and legitimate aim of education, it is also realized that the schools have a corresponding duty to prevent exploitation of students and their families.

Another aspect of solicitation involves collection of money for the purpose of presenting gifts to teachers and other employees.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Encourage altruistic and positive community attitudes in all students.
2. Assure that all student contributions will be made only on a voluntary basis.
3. Prevent inordinate disruption of school routine as a result of lengthy duration or excessive numbers of solicitations.

Policy

It shall be the policy of the Board that:

1. All solicitations of contributions from students in, on, or about the schools must be conducted in such a manner that donations are entirely voluntary. There may be no competitions or methods of collection which compare the donation of one student with that of another. Solicitation drives must be completed within a limited, set period of time.
2. All student initiated charitable solicitations must have the approval of school administrators, who shall notify the Superintendent of the approval.
3. Collection of money for the purpose of presenting gifts to teachers and other school employees is discouraged.

Administration Responsibility

It shall be the Administration's responsibility to:

1. Approve or disapprove requests from charitable organizations to solicit funds in district schools.
2. Approve or disapprove request from students to solicit funds for charitable purposes.
3. Schedule the time for approved solicitations.
4. Refer to the Board all cases involving solicitation of funds which, in the judgment of the Superintendent, require Board action.

Communication

This policy shall be communicated to:

1. All organizations requesting permission to solicit in the schools.
2. All teachers and administrators.
3. All students desiring to initiate collections for worthy charitable purposes

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