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Community Relations

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Goal

The community should be regularly informed about the objectives, achievements and condition of the School District. The Board recognizes the importance of community input and encourages active involvement in School District planning and operations.

Public Information The School District annually releases information in accordance with state and federal reporting requirements. The Superintendent will utilize various media sources to provide for meaningful sharing of information between the School District and the community.

In accordance with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq.*, the School District will make public records available for inspection or duplication. The Superintendent is the School District's FOIA Coordinator and will develop administrative regulations necessary to implement the requirements of the Act. The regulations will include a schedule of costs to be charged, as allowable under the Act. The Superintendent may designate another individual to perform on his or her behalf in receiving, processing, granting and denying requests for public records.

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Community Use of School District Facilities

The Board encourages the use of School District facilities to promote educational, recreational, cultural and civic activities of the community. The Board does not intend, through this Community Use policy, to create a public forum or limited public forum for expressive activity. The Superintendent will develop administrative regulations, as necessary, to implement this policy.

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Gifts, Bequests and Donations

The Superintendent may accept gifts, bequests and donations in the name of the School District. Gifts, bequests and donations must:

- Be free of any restriction that is contrary to law or inconsistent with Board policy.
- Be, in the opinion of the Superintendent, fitting and appropriate for School District use.
- Not require excessive installation, alteration or maintenance costs, or otherwise require a large commitment of School District resources.

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Distribution of Information / Materials

The Board seeks to minimize intrusions on the time of students and employees caused by the distribution of information from sources outside of the School District. Materials which have not been purchased from, produced or sponsored by the School District may not be sold or distributed on School District property without the prior written approval of the Superintendent.

9005 Public Complaints

The Board welcomes constructive criticism. The Superintendent will develop and implement administrative regulations providing for the investigation and resolution of complaints at their closest point of origin. A complaint concerning the Superintendent may be filed directly with the Board.

9006 Solicitation

As a general rule, the District will not allow charitable and nonprofit organizations and/or individuals access to the District communication system, access to school property and/or access to school staff and students during hours of school operations for the purpose of solicitations and fundraising.

Solicitations by students within the schools or on school grounds for any cause is prohibited except as they relate to school-sponsored activities.

9007 School Visitors

Each visitor shall be required to register their presence in the school during school hours.

The Superintendent and building principal each possess the authority to prohibit the entry of any individual into a school of the District or to expel any individual from the school when there is reason to believe the presence of such individual would be detrimental to the good order of the school.

The Board prohibits the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances at any function sponsored by the District, and, further, prohibits wagering on school premises.

No individual will be permitted to volunteer if he/she has been convicted of a misdemeanor described in, or a felony that is a "listed offense" as defined in, MCL 380.1535a or MCL 380.1539b. If an individual has been convicted of a felony that is not a listed offense, as defined in MCL 380.1535a or MCL 380.1539b, the individual may only be permitted to volunteer if the Board and the Superintendent both approve the volunteer assignment in writing. This policy does not grant any individual who passes an ICHAT background check with the right to be approved as a volunteer.

9008 Advertising

The Board of Education recognizes the value of advertising, corporate sponsorship, licensing and other commercial endeavors. As such, the Board authorizes the Superintendent/designee to pursue such endeavors as potential revenue sources.

All materials or activities proposed by outside sources for advertising, corporate sponsorship, or licensing will be subject to approval by the Superintendent/designee.