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#### 6605 - **CROWDFUNDING**

This policy applies to the use of any form of crowdfunding utilizing an online service or website-based platform for the financial benefit or gain of the District – be it a specific classroom, grade level, department, school, or curricular or extra-curricular activity.

For purposes of this policy, “crowdfunding” is defined as the solicitation of resources from individuals and/or organizations to support identified activities or projects that enhance the educational program or a specific cause approved by the District. The solicitation is typically from a large number of individuals/organizations utilizing internet-based technologies.

The Board recognizes the importance of crowdfunding in order to enhance the education experience of students. 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. In order to protect all schools’ ability to effectively crowdfund and to ensure that requests for such things as computer software and equipment are supported by the District’s technology infrastructure and/or network, each crowdfunding campaign must be approved by the Superintendent or designee. Notification to the school principal may be submitted electronically from the online service provider, where applicable, or directly by the requesting teacher or staff member.

All approved crowdfunding activities shall protect the privacy of students, children, and young adults in accordance with Board policies and District administrative guidelines and applicable State and Federal law, including FERPA and IDEA.

Materials, supplies, equipment, and other proceeds of the crowdfunding activity shall become the property of the District or school. Cash or equivalent payment to District personnel is prohibited. All fiscal transactions shall comply with appropriate Board policies.

All crowdfunding activities are subject to AP 6605 and other applicable Board policies including, but not limited to, Policy 5830 – *Student Fund-Raising*.

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