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VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

The wealth of experience available in the community is a resource that should be used in appropriate ways to enrich the educational program and strengthen our schools' relationships with families, businesses, public agencies and private institutions. By their presence, volunteers also can make school environments safer and more closely supervised. The School Board encourages parents/guardians and other members of the community to share their time, knowledge and abilities with our students.

Use of school volunteers shall be coordinated through the principal to ensure that their services are used in a manner that enriches student programs. The principal or designee will ensure that volunteers are informed of school rules, routine, answer questions and provide volunteer support as appropriate. A register of volunteer activity will be kept at each school.

To ensure the safety of students and the smooth operation of the educational program, principals may decline the service of any volunteer.

A criminal background check shall be required upon the request of an individual to become a volunteer if that volunteer interacts with students.

A convicted sex offender is prohibited from serving as a school volunteer, serving as a visiting instructor of students in the schools of the district, and may not serve on any District or Board appointed committee. Nor may he/she represent the District in any capacity. The Superintendent may approve an exception to this prohibition when good cause exists to do so. In addition, individuals may challenge their exclusion as volunteers by filing a complaint in accordance with the provisions of BP 1312 Public Complaints.

Parents or guardians who are convicted sex offenders shall not be excluded from attending school or classroom activities on campus based on their status as offenders. The Superintendent may authorize restrictions on a parent's or any other individual's participation in, or attendance at, school or classroom activities, on or off campus when there is reason to believe that the individual's presence poses a threat of harm to any member of the school community.

Persons acting as volunteers in classrooms, media centers, extracurricular activities or other instructional settings, must be supervised by school personnel. The specific conditions of supervision will be approved and monitored by the principal.

Note: Pursuant to AS 47.17.020(a)(9) volunteers who interact with children in a public or private school for more than "four hours a week" must report child abuse and child neglect. AS 47.17.020(a) requires school districts to provide training to such volunteers on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect.

Volunteers who interact with children for more than four hours per week are required to complete mandatory reporting training. Training will be available to all volunteers.

Like employees and students, volunteers shall act in accordance with district policies and regulations.

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(cf. 1312 – Public Complaints Concerning the Schools)
(cf. 1312.1 – Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel)
(cf. 1312.3 – Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination)

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