



RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The administration is directed to evaluate carefully each request for the school district to facilitate or support externally sponsored services, such as requests from civic institutions, charitable organizations, or special interest groups involving such activities as patriotic functions, contests, exhibits, sales or products to and by students, graduation prizes, fundraising, and free teaching materials. It should approve only those in which community interest is favorably balanced against the time and personnel resources which the school district directs to such facilitation or support. All approved community services should be implemented in a manner which will minimize diversion from the district's primary instructional mission.

The decision-making process must take into consideration appropriate involvement of parents and other citizens. The local school should include citizen groups and their representatives on advisory committees, operation involvement groups, and in other appropriate advisory roles.

Any approval granted by the Corporation for any cause or group shall not be interpreted as an endorsement of said cause or group.

Relations with Education Research and Service Centers

The superintendent is authorized to cooperate as far as possible with colleges, universities, and other recognized research agencies in promoting potentially useful research. Because of the large number of requests for studies in the schools, it is necessary to limit the number and establish guidelines for the approval of studies.

Decisions in connection with research involving students, teachers, or other employees will be influenced by the following factors:

1. The objectives of the research should be clearly stated and the design should produce valid and reliable results which will then be made available to the Plainfield Community School Corporation.
2. The research should be expected to contribute to the improvement of education or the general welfare of children.
3. Data derived from school records, interviews, or questionnaires which have potential for invasion of the privacy of students or their

families must have advanced written authorization of parents or guardians even though the data are to be collected and reported under conditions of anonymity.

4. Research proposals should be of sufficient scope and depth to justify the time and effort of school district students and staff members.
5. In general, instructional activities will not be interrupted unless there is a clear significance for the educational program of the Plainfield Community School Corporation.
6. Projects involving student researchers must have prior written approval by a faculty member of the institution in which the student is enrolled. This faculty member must have direct responsibility related to the student's research.

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