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Goals and Objectives

The Board of Education and staff of the Bay-Arenac ISD shall actively promote good will toward the district among local K-12 school districts and the general public. The goal shall be to develop and maintain an effective means of communication, marketing and general support of public education to heighten citizen support and understanding of public education in Bay and Arenac Counties at the intermediate and local districts levels.

The Board shall, through its staff:

Keep the patrons of the District regularly informed through available channels of communication on policies, programs, problems, and planning of the school system;

Invite the advice and counsel of the District patrons; and

Solicit input of the District patrons through advisory committees selected from the community and appointed by the Board.

The Board seeks to establish a satisfactory working relationship with all governmental, educational, and private agencies having an interest in the operation of all public schools and whose goals are compatible with those of the District.

The following basic policy statements apply:

1. The Marketing Communications programs shall consist primarily of the following kinds of activities:
 - a. Supporting local K-12 school districts in promoting public education.
 - b. Developing District publications for the information of District personnel, customers, and residents in local constituent districts.
 - c. Working in collaboration with the media to assure appropriate and adequate coverage of district programs.
 - d. Recognizing the activities of outstanding staff.

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2. The board supports planned regular communication between the intermediate district and K-12 constituent districts.
3. The board encourages all citizens to visit district facilities.
4. To develop and maintain an organizational environment where all District staff members are aware that they share the responsibility for communication of school policies, programs and activities to parents, members of the educational and other communities.

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9010 Public Information Program

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The Board accepts full responsibility for keeping the general public informed about the function and operation of the District.

Public's Right to Know (Cf. 1370)

All decisions of the Board shall be made in public with full opportunity extended to citizens to be heard before the making of these decisions. Closed sessions shall be held to a minimum and only for specific reasons as provided by current law.

District Sponsored Community Information

Annually, the District shall publish a report to the community containing information about the operation and activities of the District.

Hazardous Materials or Conditions

The Superintendent shall be responsible for informing the public about any hazardous materials or conditions in the District under the provision of the Michigan Public Health Code.

The implementation of the public information program of the District shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent.

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9020 Media Relations (Cf. 1400, 9190)

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The Superintendent shall develop a procedure for distribution, collection, and maintenance of authorization forms.

The Board shall cooperate as fully as possible with all responsible media representatives in order that the public may be more fully informed about the operations of its schools.

News Releases

The Superintendent will have charge of statements from any District facilities during the time of crisis. Although the Superintendent should attempt to respond to inquiries from media representatives as information becomes available, the Superintendent's first and primary responsibility will be to deal with the crisis situation and to act to ensure the safety and security of pupils and staff in the building.

Routine news and information concerning District events and programs may be released to the press by or with the approval of the administrator of the school or program concerned. All other news releases prepared for public distribution under the auspices of the District by employees or students of the District must have approval of the Superintendent before release. Exceptions shall be writings of student exhibitions or contests, recreation, or community education activities, and school social events that relate only to a particular school.

News Conferences and Interviews

All news conferences and interviews will be scheduled in such a manner that they do not disrupt the regular activities of the District.

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9060 Information and Campaigns

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All information campaigns of the District shall be under the direction of the Superintendent. District funds shall not be used to provide persuasive information in millage campaigns.

Use of Students

The Board shall not use students in any capacity to implement any information program of the District.

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9100 Board-Community Relations

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The Superintendent shall seek ways to involve citizens in the work of the District and to stimulate citizens to know more about the District.

Community Involvement in Decision-Making

The Board shall inform the community about, and may involve the patrons of the District in, the decision-making process. Ideas may be solicited from community patrons in curriculum, program design and delivery, policies, career development, citizenship, funding, and other matters, as the Board deems necessary.

Community Activities and Performances

The Board encourages all students to participate in community activities insofar as such activities do not conflict with their school duties.

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9170 Solicitations

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All persons seeking to sell, solicit, or display an item relating directly to expenditures of District funds to any school employee on school premises must first secure permission from the building Administrator, or Superintendent before any appointment is made. All such appointments approved by the Superintendent or building Administrator shall be held before or after regular school hours. All other solicitations of, or by, District employees are prohibited except where expressly approved by the Superintendent.

The Board discourages all solicitations of and by staff members during regular school hours.

The Board discourages all solicitations of and by students during regular school hours.

Solicitations in Schools

Except as approved by the building Administrator, commercial firms shall not be permitted to solicit students during school hours in attendance centers or on school grounds.

Solicitations from organizations outside the school are forbidden.

The Board acknowledges that there will be special sales projects by students that will be approved by the building Administrator. This policy shall include sale of advertising, magazines, and merchandise.

Commercial schools, colleges, or other agencies shall be permitted to meet with seniors or solicit prospective students only when the building Administrator approves the invitation and arrangements. Counseling of students relative to continuation of their schooling or to job placement by outside organizations shall be handled through the guidance department under the supervision of the guidance counselor.

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Solicitation of Students

Solicitation of students by anyone within the schools or on school grounds for any cause is prohibited. This prohibition includes the selling of tickets to students for any purpose or cause other than for a school-sponsored activity.

Solicitation by Students

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

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9190 Interviews with Students

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Any representative of the media seeking to interview any student during regular school hours and/or on District property must first gain the approval of the building Administrator.

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9230 District Volunteers

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The purposes of the District volunteer program are:

1. To increase the educational attainment of students;
2. To provide enrichment experiences beyond those that the school can provide;
3. To provide more effective utilization of teacher time and skills;
4. To give more individual attention to students who need it; and
5. To promote greater community involvement in the academic and co-curricular programs of the District.

General Principles

Volunteers of the District at all times are guided by the principles and policies.

Volunteers are assigned to a facility only upon the request of the teacher or building Administrator.

Volunteers serve only in an auxiliary capacity under the direction and supervision of the building Administrator or other certified District personnel.

A volunteer is not a substitute for a member of the school staff, but does supply supplemental and supportive services.

A volunteer does not have access to confidential files and records.

Wherever possible, volunteers are assigned to the particular facility where they wish to serve.

The relationship between volunteers and the District staff should be one of mutual respect and confidence.

All District volunteers work under the direction of the staff and provide supportive services to them. Volunteers are not teachers; they assist teachers and will only be assigned to those staff members who request them. The volunteers shall never replace the paid staff, nor will their presence mean that fewer paid staff members will be needed.

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All students are expected to obey and attend to directives and instructions given to them by authorized volunteers of the District. Failure to abide by directives and instructions given by an authorized District Volunteer may result in disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct up to and including suspension from school.

Persons interested in volunteering time or services to the District should contact the building Administrator or designee for assignment.

Volunteers serving in the District without financial compensation are bound by the policies, rules/ regulations, and procedures of the District. They, as any other employee, are to be supervised by each building Administrator or designee.

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9250 Use of District Facilities

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(Note: This policy would establish an open forum. This means that groups, individuals, or organizations at large may avail themselves of the use of District facilities by paying rental or use fees. If the District desires restricted access, partially or completely, different policy language will be provided.)

The Board shall encourage the utilization of District buildings and District grounds by properly organized and responsible groups. Such use of any District facility or District grounds, however, shall not interfere with the daily District routine or any District-sponsored activity. District facilities and equipment shall not be used or made available for political campaigns.

The use of District facilities for District purposes has precedence over all other uses. Persons on District premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times. The Board directs the Superintendent to develop rules to provide for the use of District facilities.

Recognized bargaining units may use District facilities and equipment as outlined in the current negotiated master contract.

Fees and Rental Charges

The Board shall establish reasonable fees and/or rental charges for the use of any District facility or District grounds; such fees and/or rental charges shall cover costs of wages for any District personnel involved and utilities consumed. The fee and/or rental charges shall be adopted by the Board and shall be reviewed at least once each year. The Board shall publish the schedule of fees and/or charges for the use of any District facility each year before the beginning of the school year.

Lease Arrangements

Any lease arrangement entered into by the Board shall conform to state law. Any such lease, however, shall not exceed three years, with a 90-day escape clause, but the Board may extend any such lease if the Board shows good cause.

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Use of District Facilities for Prayer or Religious Purposes During the School/Work Day

The use of any District facility during the school/work day will not be allowed for prayer or religious purposes. This prohibition against religious use includes the use of District facilities by District personnel, patrons, churches or any other individual or groups of individuals.

Religious Accommodation in the Use of District Facilities

The use of District facilities or District grounds by community churches outside of the normal school day may be allowed by the Board on a temporary basis as is afforded community groups elsewhere in this policy.

District Facilities

The District's facilities may be rented to community groups only if approved in advance by the Superintendent and/or Board. All organizations wanting to use these facilities must contact the Superintendent for approval and scheduling.

Religious groups are allowed to use these facilities when proper application is made with and approved by the Superintendent and/or the Board.

Buildings and Grounds

Use of the buildings and grounds of the District by individual or outside organizations must be approved by the appropriate building Administrator.

Equipment

Use of district equipment off of district property is discouraged. Should a District employee or non-employee make a request to use and remove from District property District equipment for his/her personal gain or for other business, permission must first be gained from the appropriate building Administrator. The District employee or non-employee is fully liable for repair or replacement of the District equipment if it is damaged.

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District equipment may be taken off of District property if the equipment is needed as a tool for completing an assignment authorized by a District Supervisor. In this instance, permission must be gained from the appropriate building Administrator to remove said equipment from District grounds.

The building Administrator may authorize staff members to utilize District-owned equipment to develop software and associated documents outside of their work assignment provided the development of the software is in the best interest of the District. Staff using District equipment and software shall be in compliance with all copyright laws.

Recognized bargaining units may use District equipment as provided for in the current negotiated master contract.

The Superintendent may authorize non-building based District employees to utilize District-owned equipment when available to develop software and associated documents outside of their work assignment, provided the development of said software is in the best interest of the District.

Services

A District custodian or District-authorized designee shall be on duty and shall have instructions to see that the building and equipment are properly cared for and used whenever non-District school groups or individuals use any District facility.

A school custodian may not be required when, in the opinion of the building Administrator, it is not necessary. In this case, the sponsors and the building Administrator accept full responsibility for the building's use.

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LEGAL REF: MCL 333.12601 *et seq.*; OAG, 1987-1988, No 6460, p 167 (August 25, 1987); *Lamb's Chapel v Center Moriches Union Free School District*, 508 U.S. 384 (1993)

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9290 Crowd Control at District Sponsored Activities

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The Board shall, to the full extent of its legal powers, invoke all reasonable measures to ensure that every student and adult has an opportunity to attend school activities without fear or harm of injury to person or property. The Board shall take reasonable steps to not allow persons with disruptive intent to endanger the safety of students, District personnel or other adults; to damage district property; to interfere with school activities or the educational process; or to attempt to close the schools.

Disorder and disruption of district activities shall not be tolerated, and persons attempting such action shall be held accountable. When it becomes necessary to protect students, personnel, patrons, and property, the Board shall seek the enforcement of all laws and prosecution of those who violate the law. Violation of any law and/or local city ordinance shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency, prosecutor, and courts for proper disposition.

Prosecution of those causing disorder, disruption, or disturbances on school property will be conducted under existing city, county and state laws and ordinances.

The Board recognizes the right of peaceful dissent providing that dissent does not infringe upon the rights of others. Further, exercising that right encourages open and constructive communication that may lead to improvement and betterment of school activities.

In accordance with administrative guidelines to be developed by the Superintendent, Building Administrators shall be held responsible for providing for the safety and welfare of students and adults and the protection of school property from damages or injury by any person or groups of persons.

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Definition of Disturbances or Disorders

For the purpose of this section, state statutes covering disturbance of the peace or disorderly conduct shall be used as a basis for prosecution.

Any city, county, or township ordinance in effect at the time of any disturbance at a District activity shall be used by the Board to aid in the prosecution of any individual or groups of individuals responsible for such disturbance.

Upon conviction of any disturbance or disorderly conduct, the individual or groups of individuals will be barred by Board action from attending any District-sponsored activity or event held on school property. The length of the ban shall be determined by the Board and shall be based on the seriousness of the act or disturbance. The Board authorizes its staff members to enforce the ban, if any, by any reasonable force including calling law enforcement officials to aid them in carrying out their assigned duty.

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9300 Tobacco/Alcohol Products On/In District Premises

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All tobacco products (smoke and chew) shall not be used by any person in District buildings or on District property, except in designated outdoor areas after 6:00 p.m. This policy also encompasses property under the control of the District or in District vehicles at any time.

Outdoor Smoking Areas

The Superintendent may designate outdoor smoking areas for non-students.

Alcoholic Beverages

No alcoholic beverages, of any kind, nor any "look alike" alcoholic beverages, shall be used by any person in District buildings or on District property, nor in connection with any District sponsored activity, either on or off District property, at any time.

Signs prohibiting the use of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco products will be posted on District grounds.

General public violations will be handled in accordance with State Law.

Notification

Copies of the smoking and tobacco-free products policy shall be distributed to all employees and made available to all students and visitors and shall be published in student and staff publications and posted on district grounds.

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LEGAL REF: MCL 333.12601 *et seq.*; 750.473; OAG, 1977-1978, No 5336, p. 502
(June 28, 1978)

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9350 Public Gifts and Bequests

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The Board will consider the acceptance of gifts from the public. Income derived from gifts and bequests shall be credited, if possible, to the fund requested by the donor. If the request of the donor cannot be fulfilled, the gift or bequest shall be deposited in the capital fund of the District or any other fund specified by the Board.

In certain circumstances, Bay-Arenac may prefer limitations on the appropriateness of the gift, its use, and its educational value.

Donors shall be acknowledged for their generosity.

The Superintendent shall set forth criteria to be met in the acceptance of gifts and the procedure for examining and evaluating offers of gifts to the District.

Gifts by District Employees

District employees are discouraged from giving gifts to any student or class of students when such gifts arise out of a District situation, class or school-sponsored activity unless approved by the Superintendent.

Gifts to District Employees

District employees are prohibited from receiving gifts from vendors, salespersons, or other such representatives.

Because of the potential for abuse, the giving or receiving of gifts between faculty or staff and students should be discouraged.

Students' Gifts to Staff Members

Students shall be discouraged from collecting money, allocating activity funds or purchasing gifts for faculty members.

Students' Gifts to the School

Student organizations, with prior approval of the organization's sponsor and building Administrator, may donate a portion of the organization's funds to the District for specific purposes enumerated by them. Such donations must have final approval of the Superintendent or the Board depending on the size of the gift or its potential use.

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Faculty Gifts to Students

Faculty members are discouraged from giving gifts to individual students or to classes of students during school hours in any attendance center or on District property.

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9370 Free Materials Distribution in Schools

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The Board reserves the right to refuse distribution of any material by outside individuals or groups to the students of the District.

Political Campaign Materials

In order to further citizenship training, the Board encourages responsible use of political materials for use in the appropriate classroom setting.

Special Interest Materials

The building Administrator of each building shall establish rules and regulations governing the distribution of special interest materials in the building.

Advertising in the Schools

No advertising of materials used for commercial purposes shall be permitted in the buildings or on the grounds of the District without prior approval of the Superintendent. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.

Advertising in student publications shall be regulated by rules and regulations developed by the Superintendent. Ads concerning drug paraphernalia and any controlled substance are prohibited in any District-sponsored publication or on District property.

Use of Religious Materials

The use of any religious materials may be used in the regular classroom to study the historical or cultural aspects of religion but such material is prohibited if used to indoctrinate the practice of a religion.

Dissemination of Religious Materials

Materials that have a religious content may be made available to students during non-instructional time. The District shall impose content neutral, time, place, and manner restrictions on the dissemination of religious materials to ensure that students are aware that the materials are not being endorsed or sponsored by the District.

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9400 Visitors to the District Facilities

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All District buildings shall be posted so as to require all visitors to first make their presence known to the appropriate building Administrator before proceeding to contact any other person in the building or on the grounds.

Any person who visits a building and/or grounds of the District will be under the jurisdiction of the building Administrator who shall be responsible for developing rules and regulations governing the presence of visitors in the buildings.

The building Administrator has the authority to request aid from any law enforcement agency if any visitor to the District's buildings or grounds refuses to leave or creates a disturbance. Violation of this rule may lead to removal from the building or grounds and denial of further access to the building or grounds. Violators of this Board policy and its rules may be subject to governmental trespass laws.

Public/Parent/Guardian Visitors to the District Facilities

The Board encourages the public and parents/guardians to visit the District's buildings, departments, and classrooms and directs the Superintendent to establish appropriate rules, regulations, and guidelines.

Parent/guardian visits shall be made in accordance with the following guidelines:

Parent/guardian visits shall be scheduled with the teacher and the building Administrator.

The building Administrator or designated representative shall accompany the parent/guardian on the visit if the parent/guardian so desires.

Such visits are for the purpose of becoming acquainted with District instruction, programs, personnel, operation, and/or the facility.

Parents/guardians shall refrain from giving directions or making evaluations of personnel or operating procedures during their visits.

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If a District visit leaves a parent/guardian with a concern, this concern should be discussed with the building Administrator or Superintendent.

Board members who have students in the District program and therefore have parental opportunities to converse with their student's teacher, counselor or administrator shall make it clear that they are speaking and/or visiting as a parent/guardian and not as a member of the Board.

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9410 Parental/Guardian Visitation of Classrooms

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The Board recognizes the central role parents/guardians play in the education of their children, and supports active parental/guardian involvement in the educational process. Parents/guardians are encouraged to maintain regular contact with their child's instructors. To familiarize themselves with their child's learning environment, parents/guardians are also encouraged to come to planned conference evenings, school open houses, and visitation days.

Parents/guardians may also visit their child's classes on other days, subject to the approval of District administration and the following guidelines. Parents/guardians are asked to understand the Board's responsibility to safeguard the learning environment for all students, and be sensitive to the disruption that can be caused by having strangers frequently observe the classroom and place demands on teacher time. The Board also has an obligation to protect the privacy rights of all students and their families by ensuring that the frequency of visitations by one parent/guardian does not allow that parent/guardian to develop inappropriate knowledge of the behavior or academic progress of other students.

Parents/guardians who fail to abide by these regulations or who intentionally disrupt the educational process of the school may be asked to leave and/or be denied permission for future visits.

The Superintendent shall ensure that the provisions of this policy are published in the appropriate handbook(s) and that copies are provided to visitors.

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9450 Complaints

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All complaints regarding the District should be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level.

About Policies

Complaints about policies should be directed to the Superintendent.

About Curriculum

Complaints about the curriculum of the District should be directed to the Superintendent.

About Instructional Materials

Complaints about specific instructional materials should be directed to the appropriate building Administrator.

About Facilities and Services

Complaints about facilities and services should be directed to the Superintendent.

About Personnel (Cf. 1370-R)

Complaints will be investigated fully and fairly, and the employee's rights to due process shall be protected at all times.

Whenever a complaint is made directly to the Board as a whole or to a Board member as an individual, it shall be referred to the administration for study and possible solution. The employee involved will be informed and shall be given every opportunity for explanation, comment and presentation of the facts as the employee sees them. The employee shall also be given the opportunity to meet with the person(s) making the complaint if the employee so desires.

If it appears necessary, the administration, the person who made the complaint or the employee involved may request a closed session of the Board for a full study and decision by this body. Statutory provisions for closed sessions of the Board shall be observed.

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Generally all parties involved, including the administration, will be asked to attend such a meeting to present additional facts and clarify the issues. Hearsay and rumor shall be disregarded as will any emotional display.

The Board shall conduct such meetings in as fair and just a manner as possible. The Board may request a disinterested third party to act as moderator to help the Board reach a mutually satisfactory solution.

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LEGAL REF: MCL 15.261 *et seq.*

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9470 Loitering - Unauthorized Persons

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Unauthorized persons loitering on, about any District building, or on District grounds shall be asked to leave the premises. Any such person failing to leave the premises shall be considered to be in violation of the disorderly conduct or trespassing statutes and the law enforcement officers shall be notified and requested to remove the individual from the building or grounds.

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9500 Relations With Other Districts

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The Board shall cooperate whenever possible, and practicable with local school districts and other intermediate school Districts in matters of common concern.

This cooperation may extend to such areas as joint educational services, research, exchange of data and information, coordination of curriculum, coordination of District activities and calendars, and cooperative use of District facilities.

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LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1280a

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9520 District-Community Cooperation (Cf. 9250)

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The Board shall seek to foster an atmosphere of cooperation between the District and all community groups and organizations whose operation is affected by the activities of the District.

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9530 District-Community Program

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The Board shall consider the establishment of programs sponsored jointly by the District and community groups or organizations whenever, in the judgment of the Board, such programs cannot be or should not be wholly under the control of the Board.

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9540 District-General Government Relations

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The Board seeks to establish a satisfactory working relationship and to open lines of communication with all governmental agencies having an interest in the activities of the schools in the District. This may be accomplished through the creation of ad hoc committees, inter-local memberships or appointment of representatives to serve as liaison with specific organizations.

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9570 Relations With Law Enforcement and Investigating Authorities

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Cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students, for maintaining a safe environment in the District schools, and for safeguarding all District property.

The behavior of students outside of school hours and away from the District grounds is the responsibility of the parents/guardians rather than the educational system. It is the feeling of the Board that a student under suspicion of having committed a misdemeanor or crime at times or places outside the jurisdiction of District authorities, is entitled to the guidance, assistance and protection of the parent/guardian. It is the preference of the Board that police questioning of students on District property and during school hours be undertaken only after the parent/guardian or parents/guardians have been duly notified and are present. The building Administrator shall notify an investigating officer(s) of this preference and seek his/her cooperation in waiting until parents/guardians have been duly notified and are present before questioning begins.

Because of the nature of such investigation and because of the statutory authority bestowed upon the Family Independence Agency (FIA) concerning the investigation of child abuse, authorized agents of said department with proper identification shall be permitted to talk with students on District property without the presence of the parent/guardian.

The District recognizes that the FIA may, lawfully, interview a child alleged to have been abused without the presence of the building Administrator or other District personnel. However, in appropriate cases, the building Administrator may request that he or she, or a designated representative, be present during the interview.

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LEGAL REF: MCL 722.628

NOTE: This is an optional policy which sets forth the Board's preference that police officers refrain from questioning students except by parents/guardians permission and in their presence. District policy, however, cannot MANDATE such cooperation.

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9600 Relationship With Planning Authorities

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The Board shall participate in local planning functions that may directly affect District facilities and their immediate environment it being understood, however, that only the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized, by law, to approve site and building plans for the public schools.

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LEGAL REF.: *Charter Township of Northville, et al. v Northville Public Schools, et al., Mich App, No. 219124, (2001)*

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9610 Relationship With Zoning Authorities

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The Board directs the Superintendent to request that notification of zoning proposals and changes that may affect the District be sent to the District by zoning authorities in the county, townships, and cities within the District.

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9620 Relations With Political Organizations (Cf. 7760)

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Political candidates or political parties shall be prohibited from promoting candidates or political party activities in District buildings during District hours except as they might be invited to speak, either as part of a class project or as part of the instructional program, as provided in the policy on controversial speakers.

Such organizations may use District facilities according to Board policy.

The circulation of petitions is not permissible during employee or student assigned working or class hours.

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9670 Relations With Federal Governmental Authorities

9670

The Board shall make every effort to keep its members informed of federal legislative proposals that affect schools. The Board may take positions on such issues and communicate such positions to congressional representatives and U.S. senators either directly or through its state association. Copies of positions sent to congressional representatives and U.S. senators may be sent to the Michigan Association of School Boards as a matter of record. The Board shall encourage its members to take an active role in influencing federal legislation affecting schools.

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9710 Relations With Parent/Guardian Organizations (Cf. 9730)

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Each parent/guardian organization should request official recognition by the Board, and in so doing, present its purposes and goals, along with its constitution and bylaws, to assist the Board in its deliberations as to whether or not the organization should be recognized as a bona fide community/school group supported by the Board. Once recognized, such organizations shall work closely with the Board and District personnel in the buildings or the departments that they represent in any projects carried on for the benefit of the District or District programs.

The Board encourages active support and cooperation with parent/guardian organizations by administrators, teachers, and other employee groups.

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9720 Parent/Guardian and District Partnerships

9720

The Board encourages parental/guardian involvement in the District schools through programs and activities designed to increase parent/guardian-school communications and to involve parents/guardians in the development and implementation of educational policies and District programs.

The Superintendent/designee is responsible for facilitating parental/guardian involvement in District schools by affording special consideration to single and working parents/guardians. Meetings, programs, and events should be scheduled so that working parents/guardians can attend.

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9830 Colleges and Universities

9830

The Board shall work cooperatively with post-secondary colleges and universities as those cooperative relationships might benefit the students of the District especially in the area of dual enrollment for academic credit for those students in high school programs.

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9840 Student Teaching and Internships

9840

The Board may consider the use of student teachers and interns in classes and programs maintained by the District upon conclusion of a written contract with area colleges and universities.

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LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1531b

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9900 Education Research Agencies

9900

The Board recognizes the contributions of appropriate educational research to teaching and school administration. The District shall cooperate when possible with colleges, universities, and other recognized agencies to promote educational research that shall:

1. Increase professional knowledge of teaching and learning processes and the social setting in which they operate;
2. Sharpen perception of instructional and administrative problems;
3. Establish instructional and management objectives; and
4. Assess progress toward accomplishment of District objectives.

All requests for use of District staff, students or facilities for purposes of educational research shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent. The Superintendent's decision as to the appropriateness and value of the proposed research and whether or not to engage in the research/study shall be final.

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9950 State Legislative Proposals

9950

The Board shall make every effort to keep its members informed of state legislative proposals that affect public education. The Board may take positions on such issues and communicate such positions to legislators, legislative committees, or through its state association. Copies of positions sent to legislators and committees may be sent to the Michigan Association of School Boards as a matter of record. The Board shall encourage its members to take an active role in influencing legislation affecting public education.

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