## **POLICY**

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The Board will encourage and support parent organizations who objectives are to promote the educational interests of district students. the work of a general, voluntary, school-connected organization of parent(s) or legal guardian(s), school staff, and friends of the school in each school. Such organizations may not establish educational policy, participate in the administration of the school, or authorize management and direction of school affairs.

Parent organizations are organizations independent from the Board of Education. Therefore, parent organizations shall not make any representations their organization or activities are sponsored or endorsed by the Board of Education without prior approval of the Board of Education. A parent organization shall submit a request for sponsorship or endorsement of a specific activity to the Board of Education.

A parent organization may not organize students, sponsor school activities, or solicit moneys in the name of this school district or of any school in the district without the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee. Such approval must be sought by written application to the Superintendent or designee.

Representatives of recognized parent organizations shall be treated by district employees as interested friends of the schools and as supporters of public education in the school district. Representatives of recognized parent organizations shall comply with all applicable Board policies.

The Board relies upon parent organizations to operate in a manner consistent with public expectations for the schools and reserves the right to withdraw recognition from any parent organization, at will, whose actions are inimical to the interests of the school district and the students of this district.

Such organizations shall have as their objectives the promotion of pupil welfare; the development of close relationships between the home and the school; and the development between educators and the public of such united efforts as will secure for every pupil in the schools the best kind of educational program possible.

Organizations shall not use the district's name in their titles without the Board's express consent. Such permission to use the district's name does not constitute permission to act as the district's representative.



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The Board shall make it a practice not to interfere in the internal workings of such groups.

Permission to hold regular meetings of such organizations in school facilities will be extended by the Board of Education for a particular school year, in accordance with policy.

The school Principal or another professional staff member designated by the Principal may serve as adviser to the general parent/teacher organization. All members of the professional staff shall be encouraged to join the organization and to participate in its activities.

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