

## **Community Relations**

### **SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS**

#### **Solicitations on Behalf of Charitable Organizations**

The Governing Board recognizes that participation in fund-raising for nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help students develop a sense of social responsibility.

When approved in advance by the Board, funds may be solicited or materials distributed for those nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law. (Education Code 51520)

#### **Solicitations on Behalf of The School**

With the approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school related organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students.

(cf. 1230 School Connected Organizations)

Solicitations made on behalf of schools must comply with the state disclosure law (Business and Professions Code 17510-17510.7). This law requires volunteers eleven years and older to present potential donors or buyers with information, including the purpose of the solicitation and the address from which further information about revenues and administrative expenses may be obtained.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of all fund-raisers benefiting the school or school groups.

#### **All Solicitations**

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of another charitable organization, the Board particularly desires that no students shall be made to feel uncomfortable or pressured to provide funds. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary. No students shall be barred from an instructional or co-curricular related activity because they did not participate in fund-raising.

#### **Legal Reference:**

##### EDUCATION CODE

- 51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises (except such nonpartisan, charitable organizations as approved by the governing board)
- 51521 Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception

##### BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.7 Solicitations

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11706 Dangerous activities and occupations

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