POLICY

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POLICY IS BEING ABOLISHED 2432 <u>SCHOOL SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS</u>

The Board of Education permits and encourages the preparation and distribution of school sponsored publications under staff direction in order that students learn the rights and responsibilities of the press in a free society.

No school-sponsored publication may contain materials that:

1. Are grossly prejudicial to an ethnic, national, religious, or racial group or to either gender, or with respect to sexual orientation or disability;

2. Libel any person or persons;

- 3. Infringe rights of privacy protected by law or regulation;
- 4. Seek to establish the supremacy of a particular religious denomination, sect, or point of view over any other;
- 5. Advocate the use or advertise the availability of any substance or material that constitutes a direct and substantial danger to the health of students;
- 6. Contain obscenity or material otherwise deemed to be harmful to impressionable students;
- 7. Incite violence, advocate the use of force, or urge the violation of law or school regulations;
- 8. Promote, favor or oppose any candidate for election to the Board or the adoption of any bond issue, proposal, or question submitted at any school election; or
- 9. Except as may be required for literary purposes, do not conform to acceptable standards of grammar, clear expression, and responsible research.

Issues on which opposing points of view have been responsibly promoted may be introduced in a school sponsored publication provided that all proponents are given an equal opportunity to present their views.

A publication that contains material in violation of this policy may not be distributed.



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The Board requires that the distribution of school publications take place only at the places and during the times established by regulation in order that the instructional program is not disrupted.

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