

## **Community Relations**

### **Distribution of Materials to/by Students**

The Board recognizes that students, employees, parents or citizens may want to distribute materials within the school district that are non-curricular.

Printed materials may be distributed to parents by students as inexpensive means of mass communications.

To provide the most effective use of this technique without exploitation of staff or students, the Superintendent or his/her designee may approve such distribution providing:

1. The materials relate to the school, community, local recreational or civic activities.
2. The materials do not relate to any religious belief or activity, or promote private gain, or political position.
3. The materials do not promote any political party or candidate.

All requests from groups or individuals to have students distribute materials to people in the community, with the exception of requests from school-connected organizations like parent-teacher organizations or Board appointed citizens' ad hoc advisory committees, will be referred to the office of the Superintendent to determine whether the requests comply with overall school purposes and policy.

### **Budget/Referendum Materials**

Information concerning a budget or referendum, specifying only the time, date, location, and question or proposal may be disseminated through the students. This information may not contain statements, or be written in a manner which may advocate a position on the budget or on a referendum question.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent or designee to strictly interpret this policy. In case of differences of opinion, the decision of the Superintendent will be final.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

9-369b Explanatory text relating to local questions.

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