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Soliciting, Peddling, and Canvassing On District Grounds

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I. PURPOSE

The Board of Directors has a duty to protect the students in its charge from undue disturbance of their educational environment and to assure, so far as is possible, their safety and security while arriving at, being in, and departing from school. Students are a captive audience due to the requirement that they attend school, and the Board of Directors must assure that such a requirement does not subject those students needlessly to the wishes of third parties. Because fundraising drives may divert time, energy and the attention of staff from their educational tasks, the Board of Directors should regulate the fundraising activities occurring during school or work hours.

II. SOLICITING ON DISTRICT PREMISES

- A. No person shall loiter on school grounds or in school buildings for the purposes of soliciting donations on behalf of any organization.
- B. Soliciting funds or contributions of any kind from staff, students, or visitors to district premises must conform to Board policies on fundraising.

III. PEDDLING ON DISTRICT PREMISES

- A. No person shall loiter on school grounds or in school buildings.
- B. No non-employee of the district may sell, solicit, or take orders for any goods, wares, books, newspapers, magazines, merchandise, insurance, course of instruction or any other thing on school grounds or in school buildings, except this policy does not prohibit sales, orders or solicitation for the purpose of the purchase of goods or services for school use using prescribed procedures from:
 - 1. The Board of Directors;
 - 2. The Superintendent of Schools
 - 3. Employees of the District whose duties involve the purchase of goods and services for school or district use; or
 - 4. The members of the textbook or learning materials and resources committees when acting in that capacity.
- C. The Superintendent may allow employees of the district to sell, solicit, or take orders for any goods or wares of their own manufacture, or from compatible employment outside the district under rules established by the Superintendent.



IV. CANVASSING OR DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR IN AREAS ADJACENT TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

- A. Canvassing or distribution of literature on school district property must be in accordance with district policy and the law.

- B. To facilitate ease of access to District facilities, to protect the safety of students, staff, visitors and volunteers, and to maintain order while preparing to load, loading and unloading students, staff, visitors or volunteers to or from school vehicles, all canvassing and distribution of handbills, pamphlets, literature or any other non-school material to students, school personnel, school visitors or school volunteers is prohibited on sidewalks adjacent to school grounds during all periods when school vehicles are arriving, departing or standing in order to prepare to load or unload students, staff, visitors or volunteers.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. §624.72 (Interference with Use of Public Property)

Cross References:

MPS Policy 1070 (Poster Display)

MPS Policy 1080 (Public Information Display)

MPS Policy 3313 (Vendor Relations)

MPS Policy 5540 (Fundraising)