

Bylaws

SUBJECT: SCHOOL ELECTIONS AND VOTING: FACILITIES UTILIZATION

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maintain, on behalf of the District, neutrality with respect to the election of members of the Board of Education and voting upon budgets, as well as propositions at special meetings. To that end, the resources, personnel and facilities of the School District shall not be utilized in promoting or opposing the candidacy of any member for the Board of Education or any proposition, including the annual School District budget. Whenever the candidates for member of the Board of Education are listed in a school publication, they shall be listed in the order in which they appear on the ballot.

The role of the Board and the administration staff shall be limited to encouraging voters to participate in voting in school elections, at the budget vote and when propositions are presented at special meetings. Voting related brochures and materials may be created, but shall not contain any endorsement or reference other than presenting factual information.

It is the intention of the Board that no targeting of special constituencies shall occur and that the District shall provide information to all stakeholders rather than seek to influence particular groups of voters.

Notwithstanding the above, members of the Board, administrators and personnel of the School District are free to speak and act as individual citizens on issues relating to school elections and votes and such public expression shall not be construed as Board or District expression or action. Such individuals who speak in this capacity of an individual citizen shall explicitly identify his/her view as not being the view or position of the Board of Education or the School District.

Nothing contained herein shall restrict the dissemination of election/vote-related materials by individuals on school property prior to 7 a.m. and after 4 p.m. on days when school is in session so long as such materials are produced privately and without any District support or utilization of District resources. The distribution of materials on school property shall comply with the District's *Code of Conduct*, Board policies on discrimination and harassment, local littering law, as well as applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Education Law §§ 1608, 1716, 1804(4), 1906(1), 2003(1), 2004(1), 2017(5), 2017(6), 2022(1),
2504 and 2601-a(2)

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