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Community Relations

SUBJECT: SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Education recognizes the use of unpaid community volunteers as a resource for enrichment of the school's educational programs and recognizes the need to develop a school volunteer program to support District instructional programs and extracurricular activities. The purpose of the volunteer program will be to:

- a) Assist employees in providing more individualization and enrichment of instruction and interscholastic athletics;
- b) Build an understanding of school programs among interested citizens, thus stimulating widespread involvement in a total educational process;
- c) Strengthen school/community relations through positive participation.

Volunteers are persons who are willing to donate their time and energies to assist Principals, teachers, and other school personnel in implementing various phases of school programs. Volunteers shall serve in that capacity without compensation or employee benefits except for liability protection under the District's insurance program.

An application shall be filled out by each volunteer and forwarded to the applicable Administrator for evaluation. All persons performing volunteer services shall be recommended by a member of the regular school staff as part of the application process. Education and training concerning the District's exposure control program shall be provided to each volunteer.

Volunteers assisting the athletic coaching staff will be required to have certification and training in First Aid, CPR and the use of AED (defibrillators). They shall also be subject to all fingerprinting requirements as may be mandated by the State. It is hereby recognized that volunteers for athletic programs shall not be directly involved with the instruction of students.

All volunteers will be selected by the appropriate Administrator subject to final review and approval as may be deemed necessary by the Superintendent. The Board further directs the Superintendent/designee to develop regulations to implement this policy and to periodically, but on no less than an annual basis, inform the Board of the progress of the school volunteer program.

Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, 42 United States Code (USC) Section 14501 et seq.
Education Law Sections 3023 and 3028
Public Officers Law Section 18

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #6540 -- Defense and Indemnification of Board Members and Employees

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