

## **SUBJECT: SOLICITATION OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

### **School Children**

Direct solicitation of charitable donations from children in the District schools on school property during regular school hours shall not be permitted without the prior permission of the Superintendent or his designee.

However, this policy does not prevent the following types of fund raising activities:

- a) Fund raising activities which take place off school premises, or outside of regular school hours during before-school or after-school extracurricular periods;
- b) Arms-length transactions, where the purchaser receives a consideration for his/her donation. For example, the sale of goods or tickets for concerts or social events, where the proceeds go to charity, shall not be prohibited as the purchaser will receive consideration - the concert or social event - for the funds expended;
- c) Indirect forms of charitable solicitation on school premises that do not involve coercion, such as placing a bin or collection box in a hallway or other common area for the donation of food, clothing, other goods or money. However, collection of charitable contributions of food, clothing, other goods or funds from students in the classroom or homeroom is prohibited without the prior permission of the Building Principal and the Superintendent or his designee.

The Board of Education or its designee shall ultimately decide which organizations, groups, etc. can solicit charitable donations and for what purposes, as long as the activities comply with the terms of this policy and the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Regulations shall be developed by the administration to implement this policy.

### **School Personnel**

Soliciting of funds from school personnel by persons or organizations representing public or private organizations shall be prohibited. The Superintendent of Schools shall have the authority to make exceptions to this policy in cases where such solicitation is considered to be in the District's best interest. The Board of Education shall be notified of these instances.

Distribution of information about worthwhile area charities may be made through the Office of the Superintendent as a service to School District personnel.

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New York State Constitution Article 8, Section 1  
Education Law Section 414  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 19.6

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7450 -- Fund Raising by Students

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