Section 3000: Fiscal Management

3800 Fund Raising by Employees and Students

Fund Raising by Employees / Crowdfunding Services

Employees may raise funds, including utilizing online solicitations and/or crowdfunding services for school related purposes according to rules created by the Superintendent. Crowdfunding service means a web-service used for the solicitation of goods, services, and/or money from a large number of people via the internet. Some common platforms include, but are not limited to: Go Fund Me, Kickstarter and Donors Choose. All property and proceeds received as a result of online fundraising or solicitation via a crowdfunding service become the property of the Board.

Fund Raising by Students

It is the responsibility of the Board to provide the necessary basic texts, materials, supplies, equipment, buildings, and facilities to conduct the approved, basic educational programs of the District. Co-curricular and school-sponsored extra-curricular programs of the District such as athletic programs, school-sponsored student clubs, and curriculum-related field trips or excursions may require financial support beyond the District's capacity to provide. Therefore, students are allowed to raise funds for certain school related activities with the approval of the Principal and/or the Executive Director or the Superintendent.

This policy does not apply to those regular school programs such as athletics, dramatics or musical concerts, etc., where students might sell tickets for an activity in which they are taking part. Elementary students will not be asked to sell tickets for middle school or senior high school activities.

If a fund raising project is conducted to sponsor a specific purchase, activity, or trip, the purchase or trip must be approved by the Principal or Supervisor prior to initiation of the fund raising effort. This shall apply to school related groups as well as to schoolcommunity organizations.

Every attempt shall be made to coordinate fund raising activities among buildings and various organizations so that excessive demands are not made upon members of the community. Coordination is especially important during holiday times when innumerable items are available for sale by the students.

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LEGAL REF: Gaincott v Davis, 281 Mich 515; 275 NW 229 (1937); Cook v Bennett, 94 Mich App 93; 288 NW2d 609 (1979); Title IX (34 C.F.R. § 106.3(6)); Title IX Athletics Investigator's Manual, Office of Civil Rights.