The Board and the administration shall do all in their power to ensure that every student and adult has an opportunity to attend school activities without fear or harm of injury to person or property. The Board shall not allow persons with disruptive intent to endanger the safety of students, school personnel or other adults; to damage school property; to interfere with school activities or the educational process; or to attempt to close the schools.

Disorder and disruption of school activities shall not be tolerated, and persons attempting such action shall be held accountable. When it becomes necessary to protect students, personnel, patrons and property, the Board shall seek the enforcement of all laws and prosecution of those who violate the law. Violation of any law and/or local city ordinance shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency, prosecutor, and courts for proper disposition.

Prosecution of those causing disorder, disruption, or disturbances on school property will be conducted under existing city, county and state laws and ordinances.

The Board recognizes the right of peaceful dissent providing that dissent does not infringe upon the rights of others. Further, exercising that right encourages open and constructive communication that may lead to improvement and betterment of school activities.

In accordance with administrative guidelines to be developed by the Superintendent, Principals shall be held responsible for providing for the safety and welfare of students and adults and the protection of school property from damages or injury by any person or groups of persons.

Definition of Disturbances or Disorders

For the purpose of this section, state statutes covering disturbance of the peace or disorderly conduct shall be used as a basis for prosecution.

Any city, county, or township ordinance in effect at the time of any disturbance at a school activity shall be used by the Board to aid in the prosecution of any individual or groups of individuals responsible for such disturbance.

Upon charges being filed of any disturbance or disorderly conduct, the individual or groups of individuals will be barred by from attending any District-sponsored activity

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or event held on school property. The length of the ban shall be determined by the Superintendent and shall be based on the seriousness of the act or disturbance.

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