

Community Relations

POLITICAL PROCESSES

The Governing Board has a responsibility to actively advocate fiscal and public policy that supports the District's schools and the children in the community. This responsibility includes that of lobbying at the state and national levels and informing members of the community about these activities.

The Board shall identify issues that will affect its schools and the children in its community, establish goals and priorities for legislative advocacy, solicit community input, and adopt legislative positions. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a coordinated plan for carrying out the advocacy agenda, including specific activities, target groups or individuals, staff responsibilities, and timelines.

The Board may participate with other groups in promoting or opposing proposed legislation. The Board may also provide members of the community with information which may help them communicate with their legislators about educational and children's issues.

Statewide Election Measures

The District shall investigate statewide ballot measures that affect the schools and may furnish students, parents/guardians and community members with objective, relevant, factual information about the impact of ballot measures on the District.

Any Board discussion of the effect statewide measures will have on the District shall include an opportunity for Board members and members of the public to speak on all sides of the issue. The District shall not spend public funds to influence the outcome of statewide ballot measures or to disseminate Board positions for campaign purposes.

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Any use of District funds, services, supplies, or equipment for the purpose of urging the passage or defeat of local school measures shall be limited to activities specially authorized by law.

- (cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*
- (cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)*
- (cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)*
- (cf. 4119.25 - Political Activities of Employees)*
- (cf. 9000 - Role of Board and Members)*
- (cf. 9230 - Orientation)*

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POLITICAL PROCESSES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

7054 Use of District Property
7056 Soliciting or Receiving Political Funds
35160 Authority of Governing Boards
35172 Promotional Activities
35174 Urging the Passage or Defeat of School Measures

GOVERNMENT CODE

50023 Attending Legislature to Support
53060.5 Attendance at Legislative Body; Expenses
54953.5 Right to Record Proceedings
54953.6 Broadcasts of Proceedings
81000-91015 Political Reform Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

18109-18954 Fair Political Practices Commission, Especially
18225 Definitions

Choice-in-Education League et al v. Los Angeles Unified School District (1993)
17 Cal. App. 4th 415

Citizens Legal Defense Alliance, Inc., Jarvis v. Miller et al, Los Angeles Unified
School District, Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 1978, No. C 230935

Stanson v. Mott (1976) 17 Cal. 3d 206

League of Women Voters v. Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (1988)
203 Cal.App.3rd 529, 250 Cal. Rptr. 161, rev.den.

73 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 255 (1990)

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

0619.87 Political Activities of School Districts and Governing Boards

Policy

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