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STUDENT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Proposed Changes

While the School Committee recognizes that fundraising activities have become a part of the school environment at all levels, the Committee wishes to ensure that students are not exploited by the process.

School related fundraising activities pertaining to a particular school shall be conducted only with the prior review and written approval of the Principal of the school or such Principal's designee, with the approval of the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee.

Fundraising activities involving more than one school shall be conducted only with the prior review and written approval of the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee.

~~Fund-raising activities for the benefit of organizations not directly related to the Hanover Schools shall be approved only if requested by a student organization, a student representative of which has signed the application request for the proposed fund-raising activity.~~

Charitable fundraising activities, especially those that are part of a community service event or program are encouraged provided such proposals are submitted to and approved by both the building Principal and the Superintendent.

Other fundraising activities that wish to involve students in the fundraising process shall be submitted to the Superintendent for approval.

For safety reasons and because the School Committee recognizes that community members receive requests for support from many worthy causes, activities such as canning and door-to-door sales are strongly discouraged.

The Superintendent or the Principal involved, as the case may be, shall take into consideration the good name and reputation of the Hanover Schools, the specific purpose of the proposed fundraising activity, the expected duration, and the fundraising procedure (including proposed advertising, if any) to be employed in determining whether to grant or withhold approval of each such proposed fundraising activity.

All school sales and money raising activities shall be under the supervision of teachers with the approval of the Principal and Superintendent, and shall be conducted in such a manner and at such times as not to encroach upon instructional time nor interfere with formal classes.

CROSS REFS.: JP, Student Gifts and Solicitations

KHA, Public Solicitations in the Schools

PUBLIC SOLICITATIONS IN THE SCHOOLS

Proposed Changes

The School Committee will place limits on commercial activities and fundraising activities in the schools for the following reasons:

1. The school ~~system-district~~ should provide students, parents/guardians, and employees some measure of protection from exploitation by commercial and charitable fundraising organizations.
2. The school ~~system-district~~ should not give the public the impression of generally endorsing or sanctioning commercial and fund-raising activities.
3. Commercial and fundraising activities may disrupt school routine and cause loss of instructional time.

Following these guiding statements, the Superintendent and Principals may permit occasional commercial or fundraising activities related to the objectives of the schools with the following exceptions:

1. No direct solicitation of students or employees by outside agencies may take place without School Committee permission.
2. No general or class distribution of commercial or fundraising literature ~~by outside parties~~ may take place without School Committee permission.

For the purposes of this policy, local PTA and PTO groups and groups representing school district employees will be considered "school groups" and will be governed by the Committee's policy on staff solicitations.

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CROSS REFS.: GBEB, -Staff Gifts and Solicitations
JJE, Student Fund-Raising Activities
JP, -Student Gifts and Solicitations
KHB, -Advertising in the Schools