Community Relations BP 1321

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS IN PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE COUNTY BOARD

Solicitations on Behalf of Charitable Organizations

The County Board of Education recognizes that participation in fundraising for nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help students develop a sense of social responsibility.

When approved in advance by the County Board, funds may be solicited or materials distributed for those nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law. (Education Code 51520)

Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the approval of the County Board or designee, official school-related organizations may organize fundraising events involving students in programs operated by the County Board.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/ guardians are informed of the purpose of all fundraisers benefiting the school or school groups. After the fundraiser is held, parents/guardians shall be told how much money was raised and how it was spent. Parents/ guardians shall be encouraged to offer their suggestions for the use of money raised to improve school facilities or to finance supplementary educational experiences.

All Solicitations

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of another charitable organization, the County Board particularly desires that no student shall be made to feel uncomfortable or pressured to provide funds. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary. No student shall be barred from an activity because they did not participate in fundraising.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises (except such nonpartisan, charitable organizations as approved by the governing board)

51521 Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body: exception

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.7 Charitable solicitations

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11706 Dangerous activities and occupations

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