All school associated organizations, such as booster groups, which are formed to promote and assist in the financing of a given activity for the improvement of student education, shall be approved and officially recognized by the Superintendent. These organizations must keep on file in the building Principal’s office a record of officers, bylaws, mailing addresses and other pertinent information as may be required by the Superintendent.

All school associated organizations shall seek permission from the building Principal prior to the initiation of any fundraising activities within the building.

Booster organizations shall handle their own accounting and bookkeeping procedures and maintain their own separate accounts for income and expenditures. The Principal may require each organization to submit an annual financial report to the Principal giving a full accounting of their financial dealings for the year including money raised and expended. The Principal or building administrator shall not hold an elected office within a school associated organization. Any school associated organization failing to comply with this policy may no longer be allowed to raise funds on behalf of the schools or use the name of any school or of the District in any way to imply or infer that they are a school associated organization.

All purchases by such organizations shall be billed directly to them and not to the schools or the District. Such organizations shall not use the taxpayer identification number of the District.

Expenditures shall be made in such a way so that equal consideration is given to the needs of both boys’ and girls’ sports and activities. Equipment and material purchased by these organizations and presented to the school shall become the property of the District.

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