

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

The Governing Board recognizes that student achievement and conduct improve when parents/guardians are involved in the education of their children. Principals and teachers shall communicate frequently with the home in ways that encourage parental response.

Teachers shall provide advice and directions that enable parents/guardians to help their children review and reinforce the skills that are being developed in class. The Board encourages parents/guardians to serve as volunteers in the schools and to attend student performances, parent meetings and Board meetings.

The school shall offer parents/guardians opportunities to enhance parenting skills which will make home environments conducive to learning.

The schools also shall refer students and families to community resources that provide family support and educational opportunities.

Because demands on the educational system exceed available public funding, the Governing Board recognizes that members of the community are often willing to make voluntary contributions that will provide needed additional funds for their specific school. State law requires that any organization soliciting funds upon the representation that the money received will be used in whole or in part for the benefit of any public school of the District or the student body of any public school of the District obtain the prior written approval of the Board. The Board therefore approves and encourages the creation of independent educational foundations which meet District requirements to actively raise funds that will enhance educational and extracurricular opportunities for the District's students.

The Board desires to cooperate with foundations which will determine, with the written consent of the Superintendent or Board, the purpose for which funds may be used to meet the changing needs of the foundation's specific school and its students, or of the District and all of its students.

The Board supports foundation allocations that serve all students within each foundation's school or which serve all District schools or students, and directs the Superintendent to communicate District policies to each foundation in order that foundations which desire to solicit funds upon the representation that the money received will be used in whole or in part for the benefit of any public school of the District or the student body of any public school of the District will meet District requirements.

LEGAL REFERENCE

Education Code section 51521
Serrano v. Priest, 1976, 18 Cal.3d 728