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### SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

The board will encourage the work of general, voluntary, school-connected organizations of parents/guardians, school staff, and friends of the school in each school. Such organizations may not establish educational policy, participate in the administration of the school, or authorize management and direction of school affairs.

Such organizations shall have as their objectives the promotion of student welfare; the development of close relationships between the home and the school; and the development between educators and the public of such united effort as will secure for every student in the schools the best kind of educational program possible.

Organizations shall not use the district's name in their titles without the board's express consent. Such permission to use the district's name does not constitute permission to act as the district's representative.

All such organizations are responsible for their own governance, activities and financial operations, and the Board exercises no authority or supervision with respect thereto. The organizations shall comply with all District policies and regulations governing community use of facilities.

Permission to hold regular meetings of such associations in school facilities will be extended by the board of education for a particular school year, in accordance with policy #1330.

The school principal or another professional staff member designated by the principal may serve as adviser to the parent organization. Members of the professional staff shall be encouraged to support school-connected organizations as appropriate.

Legal Reference:

N.J.S.A.18A:11-1      General mandatory powers and duties

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