

RELATIONS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The MSAD #68 School Board recognizes the importance of community involvement and therefore encourages and supports volunteer programs in the MSAD #68 schools. It is the policy of the School Board to cooperate fully with community organizations and to give their suggestions and recommendations serious consideration.

The School Board welcomes involvement from such groups who have a desire to improve the quality of the educational and/or extracurricular program and to assist schools to perform their tasks more effectively. The School Board encourages the formation of community groups in each of the schools. Furthermore, the School Board supports the formation of a liaison committee composed of the groups' chairs, building principals, superintendent and School Board representation to meet quarterly to discuss goals and direction. This would help ensure consistency among the building organizations.

The School Board urges administration and staff to be supportive of the activities of these groups. Each group prior to receiving recognition shall submit, in cooperation with the building administrator, a statement of purpose, goals, intent, and rules governing the groups' involvement to the superintendent for School Board review and approval.

Organizations need administration or School Board approval for any events, programs, or operations that involve:

1. the participation of children;
2. operation of a school service;
3. charges to children;
4. solicitations of children;
5. communications sent home with all children in a school.

All meetings of those organizations must be open to all parents and interested people. The School Board encourages the annual election of a chair/spokesperson, acceptable to the School Board, to work with the administration and to appear before the School Board as directed by the organization.

Annually, the School Board will review the productivity and impact of community organizations and when appropriate give renewed approval and appropriate recommendations to the group.

Cross Reference: IJOC - School Volunteers

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