FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education recognizes the value of having pupils participate in fund-raising activities, both as individuals and as groups, in order to help defray the cost of certain non-curricular field trips, or other worthwhile programs, or in support of a Board approved charitable cause.

For purposes of this policy, "pupil fund raising" shall include the solicitation and collection of money from pupils for any purpose and shall include the collection of money in exchange for tickets, papers or any other goods or services except those goods and services which are part of a Board-approved program of the schools.

The Board prohibits the collection of money in school or on school property or at any school-sponsored event by a pupil for personal benefit. Collection of money by school organizations approved by the Board shall be approved by the principal. Collections by organizations outside the schools or by pupils on behalf of such organizations shall be approved by the Chief School Administrator.

The Board shall not be responsible for the protection of or the accounting of funds collected from pupils by organizations outside the schools, by teaching staff members when not required to collect money for a Board-approved purpose, and by school-connected organizations. Funds raised by school-sponsored activities shall be deposited in the proper district accounts.

The Board prohibits fundraising activities by school-sponsored groups or outside organizations that encourage or require door-to-door solicitation.

Date: April 25, 2005

Other Reasons:

It is advisable to have a policy that sets out any limitations on fundraising by pupils and other school-related groups, as well as by outside organizations.

N.J.S.A. 18A:23-2 requires including funds raised by athletic events or school activities in the annual district audit.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:19-14 Funds derived from pupil activities
N.J.S.A. 18A:20-34 Use of schoolhouse and grounds for various purposes
N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 Audit when and how made
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Legal References: (Continued)

N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9c1. et al.  Public Employee Charitable Fund-Raising Act
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.1et seq.  Double Entry Bookkeeping and GAAP Accounting
in Local School Districts
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.14  Student activity funds
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.15  School store business practices