

## **Community Relations**

### **Distribution of Materials by Students (Use of Students)**

Printed materials may be distributed to parents/guardians by students as inexpensive means of mass communications. At the same time, this procedure can prove objectionable to parents/guardians and CREC if overdone.

To provide the most effective use of this technique without exploitation of staff or students, the Executive Director or designee may approve such distribution providing:

1. The materials relate to the school, community, local recreational, or civic activities.
2. The materials do not relate to any religious belief or activity or promote private gain or political position.
3. The materials do not promote any political party or candidate.

All requests from groups or individuals to have students distribute materials to people in the community, with the exception of requests from school-connected organizations like parent-teacher organizations or Council appointed citizens' ad hoc advisory committees, will be referred to the office of the Executive Director to determine whether the requests comply with overall school purposes and policy.

### **Use of Students**

The Council prohibits the use of students during normal school hours in activities that are not part of the normal educational and planned curriculum process. Determination of what constitutes an educational purpose will be made by the building administrator in consultation with the Executive Director/designee.

### **Budget/Referendum Materials**

Information concerning a budget or referendum, specifying only the time, date, location, and question or proposal may be disseminated through the students. This information may not contain statements or be written in a manner that may advocate a position on the budget or a referendum question.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
9-369b Explanatory text relating to local questions.

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