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Authorization to Continue Jog-a-Thon and Read-a-Thon Type Fundraisers

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Board Policy F-3800 states that "fund-raising activities shall comply with state law and district requirements as appropriate for individual activities." Administrative Procedures 9325 (in effect since 1962) and 9326 (in effect since last fall) state that fundraising must occur outside of the instructional day. Fundraising and related activities during the school day is restricted to school organizations (student groups or clubs) under the control of the school or recognized charitable organizations. There is no legal restriction on fundraising during the school day as long as the fundraising conducted is by a student group or approved charitable organization and does not conflict with instructional activities. Administrative Procedures 9325 and 9326 are in the process of being revised to eliminate the restriction on fundraisers during instructional time and fundraisers such as Jog-a-Thons and Read-a-Thons currently scheduled may take place as planned.

The California Constitution mandates that public education be provided to students free of charge. San Diego Unified School District's policy is to provide all students equal rights and opportunities in education. It is the responsibility of the district and its employees to maintain and enforce the law. Therefore, staff must continue to ensure that participation of students and parents in giving funds to the school or charity remains voluntary. Student participation in the curricular portion of running in a Jog-A-Thon or reading during a Read-A-Thon may be required but participation in the fundraising aspect may not be compelled.

William Kowba Superintendent

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