SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the schools and nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help develop a sense of social responsibility in students, enhance the relationship between the school and community, and contribute to the improvement of the school program.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)
(cf. 4135/4235/4335 - Soliciting and Selling)
(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of a charitable organization, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fund-raising. Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute to the school system or charitable organizations. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of fund-raisers.

Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the prior written approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school-related organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

After the fund-raiser has been held, parents/guardians shall be informed how much money was raised and how it was spent.

Solicitations on Behalf of Charities

When approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee, nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law may solicit students on school grounds during school hours and within one hour before school has opened and one hour after school has closed. (Education Code 51520)

Legal Reference: (see next page)
SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS (continued)

Legal Reference:
- EDUCATION CODE
  51520  Prohibited solicitations on school premises
  51521  Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception
- BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE
  17510-17510.95  Charitable solicitations
- PENAL CODE
  319-329  Raffles
- REVENUE AND TAX CODE
  6361  Sales tax exemption for certain sales
- CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
  11706  Dangerous activities and occupations

Management Resources:
- CSBA PUBLICATIONS
- ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS
  Guide to Charitable Solicitation, 1999
- WEB SITES
  Office of the Attorney General: http://caag.state.ca.us