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Campaigning on School District Grounds

The following rules are established with respect to campaigning activities on School District grounds.

- (1) Campaigning for a candidate for public office on the grounds of every School District facility is prohibited with the following exceptions:
 - (a) The Superintendent or designee may approve the use of any School District facility to conduct a candidate forum during non-school and non-work hours in which all candidates for the same office are invited to attend and speak.
 - (b) Campaigning is allowed on School District grounds on election days when the grounds are used as a polling place. Any campaigning on such days must be conducted a sufficient distance from the polling place to meet the requirements of State statute and must be conducted in a manner that does not, in the judgment of the school principal or Superintendent, disrupt the operation of the school.
 - (c) Campaigning activities on school grounds by students for candidates for student office is not prohibited to the extent approved by the principal.
 - (d) No restrictions are placed on the ability of individuals or employees to place signs or stickers on their personal vehicles endorsing candidates for public office while on the grounds of School District facilities. No such signs or stickers will be placed on District vehicles.
- (2) The meaning of “campaigning for a candidate for public office” as prohibited on school district grounds by Section (1) of this policy, includes the collection of signatures on a petition used to qualify as a candidate for public office.
- (3) Using any School District grounds, property or equipment to solicit support for the passage of legislation, ordinance, or referendum in the School District’s best interest is not prohibited if approved by the Superintendent or designee. Any such use shall be in accordance with Section 106.113, Florida Statutes. In the event School District grounds are used to conduct a rally or forum to advocate passage or rejection of specific legislation, ordinance or referendum, public comment will be allowed pursuant to the procedures described below.

- (a) Public comment will be allowed at the end of the rally or forum. Speakers may address only the subject of the rally or forum.
- (b) Each speaker will have only one opportunity to make comment, for a maximum of three minutes.
- (c) If there are more than 20 speakers desiring to make public comment, the time allowed per speaker will be reduced to two minutes. If there are more than 30 speakers, the time allowed per speaker will be reduced to one minute.
- (d) Speakers will not be allowed to yield their time to other speakers.
- (4) All School Board employees are prohibited from campaigning for a candidate for public office in any manner while on duty. This prohibition includes the wearing of buttons or other apparel endorsing candidates for public office while on duty.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 104.31, 106.113, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, F.S.

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