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REVISED POLICY - VOL. 34, NO. 1

USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES PREMISES

The Board of Education believes that ~~the grounds and facilities of this District~~ **school premises** should be made available for community purposes, provided that such use does not infringe on the original and necessary purpose of the property or interfere with the educational program of the schools.

☒ and is harmonious with the purposes of this District.

For purposes of this policy, the terms "school premises" or "premises" refers to all indoor and outdoor structures, facilities, and land owned, rented, or leased by the Board. The term "non-school hours" refers to times prior to and after regular classroom instruction on a day that school is in session, and any day that school is not in session, including weekends, holidays, and vacation breaks.

The Board will permit the use of ~~District grounds and facilities~~ **school premises** when such permission has been requested in writing by a responsible organization or a group of **at least seven (7)** citizens and has been approved

☒ by the Superintendent.

☐ by the Board.

~~District grounds and facilities~~ **School premises** shall be available for the below-listed uses. When there are competing interests, approval will be given according to the following priorities: **[Each of the below listed uses is requested, but may be renumbered in order of priority A through H]:**

☒ uses directly related to the schools and the operations of the schools **(including giving instructions in any branch of education, learning, or the arts)**

☒ uses and groups indirectly related to the schools

☒ meetings of employee associations

☒ uses for voter registration and elections

☒ departments or agencies of the municipal government



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☒ other governmental agencies

☒ uses related to the public library, including a station for a public library or reading room

☒ community organizations or groups of individuals **primarily comprised of District residents/members of the community, including students (during non-school hours) and employees (when not working in the scope of their employment) formed or gathered for**

(+)1. charitable,

(+)2. civic,

(+)3. social,

(+)4. religious,

(+)5. recreational (e.g., indoor or outdoor games or physical activities, either organized or unorganized, that are undertaken for exercise, relaxation, diversion, sport, or pleasure), and/or

(+)6. educational

purposes, **provided such meetings and/or entertainment is nonexclusive and open to the general public**

School premises may be made available for the uses listed below:

☒ commercial or profit-making organizations or individuals offering services for profit

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~~Facilities~~ **School premises** shall also be made available to any certified candidate for public office and any recognized political party or organization for the purpose of conducting public discussions of public questions and issues. ~~The facilities~~ **School premises** shall be free of charge and available only after ~~regular~~ **during non-school** hours. Users shall abide by all District **policies**, guidelines, and rules regarding the use of District grounds and facilities **school premises** and be liable for any damage incurred. Under no circumstances shall ~~the grounds or facilities~~ **school premises** be used to raise funds for political purposes.

The use of ~~District grounds and facilities~~ **school premises** shall not be granted for **any purpose that is prohibited by law**, of:

- ~~() private social functions~~
- ~~(+) any purpose which is prohibited by law~~
- ~~() _____;~~
- ~~() _____.~~

Should all or any part of the District's community be struck by a disaster, the Board shall make ~~District grounds and/or facilities~~ **school premises** available, at no charge, for the housing, feeding, and care of victims or potential victims when requested by local, State, or Federal authorities. The Superintendent should meet with the ~~Emergency Management Agency~~ **local governing body** to establish a disaster preparedness plan in order to ensure that proper procedures are established to minimize confusion, inefficiency, and disruption of the educational program.
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Emergency Management Agency



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The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines for the granting of permission to use ~~District facilities~~ **school premises** including a schedule of fees which, together with the costs used to determine such fees, must be approved by the Board. Such guidelines are to include the following:



Each user

() shall



may be required to

present evidence of the purchase of organizational liability insurance to the limit prescribed by District administrative guidelines.



Use of school equipment in conjunction with the use of school ~~facilities~~ **premises** must be requested specifically in writing, and may be granted by the procedure by which permission to use ~~facilities~~ **school premises** is granted. The users of school equipment must accept liability for any damage or loss to such equipment that occurs while it is in their use. Where rules so specify, no item of equipment may be used except by a qualified operator.



Users shall be liable financially for damage to the facilities and for proper chaperonage.

No liability shall attach to this District, or any of its employees and officers, specifically as a consequence of permitting access to ~~these facilities~~ **school premises**.

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