

<b>NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CROWDFUNDING POLICY</b>	<b>Approved: 5/27/2020</b>

**I. PURPOSE**

The North Providence Public Schools supports fundraising activities that are designed to promote and/or supplement the educational and co-curricular activities in the schools and/or classrooms.

**II. POLICY**

Crowdfunding is an internet based fundraising tool that utilizes the internet to reach individuals and organizations from around the world to support activities or projects.

All employees of the North Providence Public Schools, including teachers, advisors and coaches, are authorized to use pre-approved crowdfunding services in accordance with this policy and promulgated protocols. Any crowdfunding supported fundraising activity must comply with applicable federal and state law, the District fundraising policy, and other applicable North Providence School Department policies and protocols. The District shall ensure that no solicitation for goods, services or funds replace or duplicate those provided within the annual budget of the North Providence Public Schools.

The Superintendent is directed to develop protocols regulating and facilitating the use of crowdfunding platforms and further the Superintendent or his/her designee will oversee the implementation of such requirements consistent, with this policy.

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