

NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY POLICY	Approved: 5/27/2020

I. PURPOSE

The North Providence School Committee makes every effort to provide sufficient funding for its programs and activities.¹ However, the School Committee acknowledges that additional funds may be needed for initiatives that extend beyond the budget and enhance and enrich student education and related activities. The School Committee recognizes that Parent/Teacher and Booster Organizations are a significant source of funds for these purposes. The School Committee is appreciative of such activities on behalf of students in the District.

II. POLICY

The School Committee encourages principals and teachers to support their school-based PTO and Booster organizations through cooperation and communication to ensure harmony with the policies and goals of the district.² However, fundraising activities of this type should not be utilized as a substitute for programmatic and other school budget initiatives.

Approved fundraising activities shall conform with the following requirements:

- Approved fundraising activities shall not solicit or exact from any pupil in any public school any contribution or gift of money or any article of value, or any pledge to contribute money or article of value.³
- Approved fundraising activities shall be conducted on a voluntary basis and in accordance with School Committee policy and protocol as promulgated by the

¹ 200-RICR-20-10-1.1.2(A) BEP requires that all LEAs ensure that every public-school student will have access to a high quality, rigorous, and equitable array of educational opportunities from PK to 12 grade.

² 200-RICR-20-10-1.1.2(B) BEP requires that all LEAs must ensure that policies, programs, and systems are connected and directed towards the common purpose of improving achievement for all students.

³ R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-38-6.

Superintendent.⁴

- The School Committee assumes the responsibility for providing all staff, equipment, facilities, and uniforms required for participation in approved programs.
- All donations of materials, supplies, equipment and/or services made to the district upon prior approval of the School Committee shall become the property of the North Providence Public Schools, except for gifts and awards made directly to individual students.

Any protocol promulgated by the Superintendent in accordance with this Policy shall address the following:

- The conduct and financial accountability of public-school employees and public school officials engaged in approved fundraising activities.⁵
- The specific circumstances for door to door solicitations and door to door sales by public school students for fundraising.⁶
- The use of schoolchildren to deliver fundraising materials to parents.⁷

The Superintendent is directed to develop protocols regulation and facilitating this policy and further the Superintendent or his/her designee will oversee the implementation of such requirements consistent, with this policy. All school-based fundraising activities shall comply with applicable state law, rules, guidelines, best practices, and other district policies.

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⁴ Id.

⁵ R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-38-6(1).

⁶ R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-38-6(2).

⁷ R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-38-6(3).