

Policy Committee Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2020 2:00 PM

Evanston Township High School
1600 Dodge Ave.
Evanston, IL 60201

Agenda

1. **Convene**
2. **Review of Policies:**
 - 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness
 - 4:180-AP3 Grant Flexibility; Payment of Employee Salaries During a Pandemic
3. **Review of PRESS Plus Policy Issue #103 (order as received through IASB):**
 - 7:90 Release During School Hours
 - 2:125 Board Member Compensation Expenses
 - 2:160 Board Attorney
 - 5:60 Expenses
 - 5:150 Personnel Records
 - 5:280 Duties and Qualifications
 - 5:285 Drug and Testing for School Bus and Commercial Drivers
 - 6:135 Accelerated Placement Programs
 - 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
 - 8:10 Connection with the Community
 - 8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns
 - 8:30 Visitor and Conduct on School Property
4. **Five-Year Policy Review:**
 - 4:50 Payment Procedures
 - 6:280 Grading and Promotion
 - 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
 - 7:325 Student Fundraising Activities
 - 8:80 Gifts to the District
5. **Adjournment**

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Update Memo

Please distribute to board members and appropriate staff.

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Please share this **PRESS** Update Memo with all board members and appropriate staff.

Two other important components of **PRESS** may be viewed and downloaded from **PRESS Online**: Committee Worksheets and the updated **Policy Reference Manual (PRM)** pages.

The Committee Worksheets, found by selecting a **PRESS Issue** at the top of the **PRESS Online** Table of Contents, show suggested changes to **PRESS** materials by striking out deleted words and underscoring new words.

Updated **PRM** pages can be found in the IASB POLICY REFERENCE MANUAL Table of Contents. For visual instruction about how to download **PRM** pages and use them to update your policy manual, please go to www.iasb.com/policy/ to view the **PRESS** video tutorial located under the header entitled: **PRESS – Policy Reference Education Subscription Service**.

PRESS Bundles

Each bundle summarizes the global reasons for changes to all materials that are listed.

Specific details about how each piece of material changed, e.g., legislation, administrative rules, **PRESS** Advisory Board feedback, quality assurance, five-year review items, etc., are explained in numerical order in the **Revisions to Policies, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits** table beginning on p. 5.

Please spend time reviewing the **PRESS Online** Committee Worksheets for these materials, which will provide further, more on-the-spot detailed explanations in the footnotes, along with added comment boxes by the **PRESS** Editors when necessary.

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Veto Session Updates

In November 2019, the Illinois General Assembly returned to Springfield for the Fall Veto Session to consider a mix of veto overrides, new proposals, and unfinished business from the spring. What resulted were three major pieces of legislation that impact school boards and the **PRM**.

First, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA), 410 ILCS 705/, was amended by P.A. 101-593, a trailer bill related to the legalization of recreational cannabis, to clarify workplace drug testing and other issues, including protections for Illinois employers' drug testing policies. It clarifies that the CRTA allows employers to maintain zero-tolerance drug-free workplace policies (there was concern because the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act prohibits employers from disciplining employees for their use of *lawful products off-the-clock*). It also clarifies that employers may do reasonable and nondiscriminatory pre- and post-hiring and random drug tests for cannabis.

Second, Illinois provided a pro-labor response to the United States Supreme Court's June 2018 *Janus* decision (finding that public employees cannot be compelled to pay *fair share* union dues) with legislation amending the following statutes:

1. The Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act (IELRA), 115 ILCS 5/, amended by P.A. 101-620, (a) expands union access to employees during the work day, (b) requires employers to establish email policies in an effort to prohibit the use of its email system by outside sources, (c) prohibits districts from disclosing certain personal information of employees, and (d) requires districts to provide unions notice of any third party requests for such information.
2. The Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7.5, amended by P.A. 101-620, specifically exempts from disclosure the types of employee information now prohibited from disclosure under the IELRA.

Third, 10 ILCS 5/7-42 and 10 ILCS 5/17-15, amended by P.A. 101-624, eff. 6-1-20, provide that beginning on the 15th day before a primary, general, or special election or on the day of any such election, any student who is eligible to vote is entitled to be absent for two hours during the school day to vote. Districts may specify the hours during which eligible students may be absent from their schools.

The following **PRESS** materials make up this important bundle:

- 5:50, Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
- 5:120-AP1, Statement of Economic Interests for Employees
- 5:150, Personnel Records
- 5:280, Duties and Qualifications
- 6:235, Access to Electronic Networks
- 7:70, Attendance and Truancy
- 7:90, Release During School Hours
- 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- 8:110, Public Suggestions and Concerns

PRESS Terminology

What are the meanings of the "AP" and "E" after certain policy numbers?

The **PRESS Policy Reference Manual (PRM)** is an encyclopedia of sample board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits. They are all in numerical order for easy reference. **PRESS** recommends that local school districts maintain separate board policy and administrative procedure manuals to help distinguish for the board, staff, students, parents, and community members, the distinction between board documents and staff documents, board work, and staff work.

Policy. The board develops policies with input from various sources like district administrators, the board attorney, and **PRESS** materials. The board then formally adopts the policies, often after more than one consideration.

After adoption by the board, each policy should have an adoption date.

Administrative Procedures. Administrative procedures are developed by the superintendent, administrators, and/or other district staff members. The staff develops the procedures that guide implementation of the policies. Administrative procedures are not adopted by the board, which allows the superintendent and staff the flexibility they need to keep the procedures current. **PRESS** sample procedures are numbered to correspond with the policies that they implement for easy reference. For example, policy 6:190's related administrative procedure is 6:190-AP.

It is important to remember that administrative procedures do not require formal board adoption and are not included in a board policy manual.

Exhibits. Both board policies and administrative procedures may have related exhibits. Exhibits provide information and forms intended to be helpful to the understanding or implementation of either a board policy or administrative procedure, and they do not require formal board adoption. **PRESS** sample exhibits are numbered to correspond to the related board policy or administrative procedure. For example, board policy 2:70 has a related exhibit numbered 2:70-E. Administrative procedure 7:340-AP1 has a related exhibit numbered 7:340-AP1, E.

Exhibits labeled with an "E" may provide guidance for board work or staff work. Those providing guidance for board work should be dated for implementation by the board. Those providing guidance for the staff should be dated for implementation by the administrative staff.

Administrative procedures exhibits, always labeled with the "AP, E" format should be dated for implementation by the administrative staff.

Grant Accountability & Transparency Act

As part of its grant oversight function, the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) plans to conduct field testing in the area of travel expenses under federal and State grants during the 2020-2021 school year. In anticipation of this monitoring activity, the **PRESS** Editors have collaborated with ISBE's Federal and State Monitoring Department to revise existing and develop new **PRESS** materials to ensure they reflect the policy and procedure requirements of the federal uniform guidance for grants and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). The **PRESS** Editors thank ISBE for its continuing collaboration on GATA-related issues.

The following **PRESS** materials are updated:

- 2:125, Board Member Compensation; Expenses
- 2:125-E1, Board Member Expense Reimbursement Form - **REWRITTEN**
- 2:125-E2, Board Member Estimated Expense Approval Form - **REWRITTEN**
- 4:60-AP4, Federal and State Award Procurement Procedures
- 5:60, Expenses
- 5:60-AP, Federal and State Grant Travel Expense Procedures - **NEW**
- 5:60-E1, Employee Expense Reimbursement Form - **REWRITTEN**
- 5:60-E2, Employee Estimated Expense Approval Form - **REWRITTEN**

Coordinating with Children's Advocacy Centers

As noted in **PRESS** Issue 102, a new School Code provision created by Public Act 101-531, 105 ILCS 5/22-85 (final citation pending), requires that districts within a county served by an accredited Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) coordinate with the CAC when an *alleged incident of sexual abuse* is reported to DCFS. Following consultation with the CAC, we have created new 5:90-AP, *Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center*, to assist districts with compliance. Districts

are encouraged to contact their local CAC to customize this procedure prior to implementation.

The following **PRESS** materials are included in this bundle:

- 2:150-AP, Superintendent Committees
- 5:90-AP, Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center - **NEW**

Miscellaneous

The following **PRESS** materials are updated due to miscellaneous legislative, administrative rule, clean-up, and/or continuous review changes. These are also detailed in the **Revisions to Policies, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits Table** in numerical order beginning on p. 5.

The following **PRESS** materials are included in this catch-all bundle:

- 5:35, Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
- 5:35-AP1, Fair Labor Standards Act Exemptions
- 5:210, Resignations
- 6:135, Accelerated Placement Program
- 6:135-AP, Accelerated Placement Program Procedures
- 6:280, Grading and Promotion
- 7:190-E2, Student Handbook Checklist

Five-Year Review Updates

PRESS Editors have a quality assurance goal to ensure that each piece of the 1000+ page IASB **PRESS PRM** is reviewed at least every five years. The **PRM** contains approximately 175 policies and procedures. These are also detailed in the **Revisions to Policies, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits Table** in numerical order beginning on p. 5.

The following **PRESS** materials are updated in response to five-year reviews:

- 2:160, Board Attorney
- 2:160-E, Checklist for Selecting a Board Attorney - **REWRITTEN**
- 4:50, Payment Procedures
- 4:170-AP6, E1, School Staff AED Notification Letter
- 6:120-AP1, Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities

- 7:130, Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 7:325, Student Fundraising Activities
- 7:325-E, Application and Procedures to Involve Students in Fundraising Activities
- 8:10, Connection with the Community
- 8:30-E1, Letter to Parent Regarding Visits to School by Child Sex Offenders
- 8:30-E2, Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property
- 8:80, Gifts to the District

Please also spend time reviewing the **PRESS Online** Committee Worksheets for these materials, which will provide further, more on-the-spot detailed explanations in the footnotes, along with added comment boxes by the **PRESS** Editors when necessary.

Progress Report — The contents of this table frequently change.

Topics	Our Response
<p>Coronavirus COVID-19</p> <p>The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in China has since spread throughout parts of the world, including the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has guidelines on planning, preparing, and responding to COVID-19 for US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools, found here: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-for-schools.html. The Ill. Dept. of Public Health also maintains a COVID-19 webpage, with a subpage dedicated to Schools Guidance, at: www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/schools-guidance.</p>	<p>Refer to PRESS policy 4:180, <i>Pandemic Preparedness</i>, and its administrative procedures.</p>
<p>Title IX Proposed Rules</p> <p>The U.S. Dept. of Education proposed revised regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (Title IX) and accepted public comment on them through 1-31-19. Those comments are currently under review but there is no deadline by which the proposed regulations must be finalized.</p>	<p>No PRESS materials are affected at this time. We will monitor the situation and update materials when necessary.</p>
<p>Implementation Date Delayed for Amendments to 105 ILCS 5/14-8.02f(c)</p> <p>In August 2019, 105 ILCS 5/14-8.02f(c), amended by P.A. 101-515, required that no later than three (was five) days prior to an Individualized Education Program meeting, districts must provide parents/guardians with copies of all written material that will be considered during the meeting. During the veto session, 105 ILCS 5/14-8.02f(c), amended by P.A. 101-598, delayed the implementation date to 7-1-20.</p>	<p>No PRESS materials are affected. Ill. Council of School Attorneys <i>Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities</i> (Revised May 2015, published by ICSEA) will be updated mid-2020.</p>
<p>Updated Asthma Medication Rules</p> <p>105 ILCS 5/22-33, amended by P.A. 100-726, made changes that permit schools to establish a policy providing for the stocking and use of undesignated asthma medication. ISBE responded by updating the rules governing undesignated medications at 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540. See 44 Ill. Reg. 1929.</p>	<p>No PRESS materials are affected.</p>
<p>Time Out/Seclusion/Restraint</p> <p>In November 2019, ISBE issued emergency rules prohibiting the use of isolated time out and physical restraint. In December 2019, ISBE amended the emergency rules to allow the limited use of supine physical restraint. In February 2020, ISBE again amended the emergency rules to allow the limited use of isolated time out. The Special Education Committee of the Ill. Council of School Attorneys collaborated with ISBE on guidance regarding the emergency rules, at: www.isbe.net/Documents/Guidance-FAQs-Time-out-Restraint.pdf.</p> <p>Permanent rules governing the use of time out, isolated time out, and restraint are pending via the administrative rulemaking process, and numerous bills related to time out, seclusion, and restraint are being considered by the General Assembly.</p>	<p>No PRESS materials are affected at this time. We will monitor the situation, collaborate with ISBE, and update materials when necessary.</p>

Progress Report — *continued*

Topics	Our Response
<p>Transgender Task Force Report</p> <p>On 1-10-20, the Affirming and Inclusive Schools Task Force delivered a report to the Governor detailing recommended procedures and best practices for K-12 schools to support transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming students. The report is available online at: www2.illinois.gov/IISNews/21019-Affirming_and_Inclusive_Schools_Task_Force_Report.pdf. ISBE non-regulatory guidance documents and resources are available here: www.isbe.net/supportallstudents.</p>	<p>No PRESS materials are affected at this time; please see footnote two of PRESS policy 7:10, <i>Equal Educational Opportunities</i>, for more information specific to this topic. We will monitor the situation, collaborate with ISBE, and update materials if necessary.</p>

Revisions to Policies, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits

Number and Title	Revision Descriptions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2:125, Board Member Compensation; Expenses	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), 30 ILCS 708/, and in anticipation of grant monitoring activity by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) during the 2020-21 school year. A new subhead, Additional Requirements for Travel Expenses Charged to Federal and State Grants , is added. Continuous improvement updates and minor style changes are also made to the policy and footnotes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2:125-E1, Board Member Expense Reimbursement Form	REWRITTEN. The exhibit is updated for the reasons discussed in 2:125, <i>Board Member Compensation; Expenses</i> , above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2:125-E2, Board Member Estimated Expense Approval Form	REWRITTEN. The exhibit is updated for the reasons discussed in 2:125, <i>Board Member Compensation; Expenses</i> , above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2:150-AP, Superintendent Committees	The procedure is updated to facilitate implementation of 105 ILCS 5/22-85 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, for the reasons discussed below in 5:90-AP, <i>Coordination with Children’s Advocacy Center</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
2:160, Board Attorney	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review and PRESS Advisory Board (PAB) feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2:160-E, Checklist for Selecting a Board Attorney	REWRITTEN. The exhibit is updated for the reasons discussed in 2:160, <i>Board Attorney</i> , above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4:50, Payment Procedures	The policy is unchanged. A footnote is updated in response to a five-year review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4:60-AP4, Federal and State Award Procurement Procedures	The procedure is updated in response to GATA and federal procurement regulations that address the purchase of recovered (recycled) materials. Minor style changes are also made to the procedure.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4:170-AP6, E1, School Staff AED Notification Letter	The procedure is updated in response to a five-year review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:35, Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act	The policy is updated with minor style changes to align policy titles in the PRM . The footnotes are updated in response to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 29 C.F.R. Part 541, amended at 84 Fed.Reg. 51230, raising the salary threshold for non-exempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. 2. Continuous improvement updates. 	<input type="checkbox"/>

Revisions to Policies, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits — *continued*

5:35-AP1, Fair Labor Standards Act Exemptions	The procedure is updated for the reasons discussed in 5:35, <i>Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act</i> , above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:50, Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition	The policy is unchanged. Footnotes seven and nine are updated in response to the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA), 410 ILCS 705/10-35(a)(8), amended by P.A. 101-593. The law clarified several cannabis-legalization concerns that Illinois employers had, including discipline parameters for on and off-duty law enforcement officers. Footnote seven contains directions for boards that employ school resources officers (SROs) (as opposed to entering into contracts with local law enforcement agencies for SRO services) to consult their board attorneys regarding specific policy text that pertains to discipline of the SROs that the board employs. Other additions to the footnotes included reference to the Ill. Vehicle Code's legal presumptions for when an individual is under the influence of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). See 635 ILCS 5/11-501.2(b-5).	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:60, Expenses	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated for the reasons discussed in 2:125, <i>Board Member Compensation; Expenses</i> , above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:60-AP, Federal and State Grant Travel Expense Procedures	NEW. The procedure is created for the reasons discussed in 2:125, <i>Board Member Compensation; Expenses</i> , above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:60-E1, Employee Expense Reimbursement Form	REWRITTEN. The exhibit is updated for the reasons discussed in 2:125, <i>Board Member Compensation; Expenses</i> , above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:60-E2, Employee Estimated Expense Approval Form	REWRITTEN. The exhibit is updated for the reasons discussed in 2:125, <i>Board Member Compensation; Expenses</i> , above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:90-AP, Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center	NEW. The procedure is created to facilitate implementation of 105 ILCS 5/22-85 (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, which requires districts within a county served by an accredited Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) to coordinate with the CAC when investigating an <i>alleged incident of sexual abuse</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:120-AP1, Statement of Economic Interests for Employees	The procedure is updated and its footnote deleted in response to 5 ILCS 420/4A-106.5, amended by P.A. 101-617, restoring February 1st as the annual date by which districts must provide to the county clerk a certified list of employees required to file a statement of economic interest. Minor style changes are also made to the procedure.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:150, Personnel Records	The Legal References are updated. The footnotes are updated in response to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7.5(oo), added by P.A. 101-620 (final citation pending), exempting from disclosure specific types of personal information about employees that the Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act (IELRA), 115 ILCS 5/3(d), added by P.A. 101-620, now prohibits from being disclosed to third parties. A Cross Reference is also updated.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:210, Resignations	The policy is unchanged. Footnote two is updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/24-14, amended by P.A. 101-531, and ISBE non-regulatory guidance on the application of 105 ILCS 5/24-14 to teacher resignations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:280, Duties and Qualifications	The Legal References and footnotes are updated in response to amended ISBE rules governing educator licensure and for continuous improvement.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:120-AP1, Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities	The procedure is updated in response to a five-year review.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Revisions to Policies, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits — *continued*

6:135, Accelerated Placement Program	The Legal References and footnotes are updated for continuous improvement and in response to amended ISBE rules implementing the Accelerated Placement Act, 105 ILCS 5/14A.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:135-AP, Accelerated Placement Program Procedures	The procedure and footnotes are updated for the reasons discussed above in 6:135, <i>Accelerated Placement Program</i> , above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:235, Access to Electronic Networks	The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated for the reasons discussed in 8:110, <i>Public Suggestions and Concerns</i> , below.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:280, Grading and Promotion	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to the ISBE discontinuing the <i>Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers</i> (PARCC) as the State assessment and accountability measure back in 2019.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:70, Attendance and Truancy	<p>The policy and Cross References are updated in response to the following laws:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 105 ILCS 5/26-2a, amended by P.A. 100-810, which amended valid causes for absences to include a student’s <u>mental, emotional, or physical</u> health or <u>safety</u>; and 2. The Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/7-42 and 5/17-15, amended by P.A. 101-624, eff. 6-1-20, which created a valid cause for absence that applies to students who are eligible to vote. <p>Other continuous improvement updates were made throughout the footnotes.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:90, Release During School Hours	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/7-42 and 5/17-15, amended by P.A. 101-624, eff. 6-1-20. The policy contains an optional subhead entitled Voting for unit and high school districts that addresses the release of students who are eligible to vote.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:130, Student Rights and Responsibilities	The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to U.S. Dept. of Education guidance on constitutionally protected prayer in public schools, and with minor continuous improvement changes after a five-year review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:190-E2, Student Handbook Checklist	The exhibit and footnotes are updated in response to numerous legislative amendments regarding required and recommended notices to students and parents/guardians and for continuous improvement.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:325, Student Fundraising Activities	The policy is unchanged. Minor five-year review and continuous improvement updates are made to the footnotes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:325-E, Application and Procedures to Involve Students in Fundraising Activities	The exhibit is updated with minor continuous improvement changes after a five-year review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:10, Connection with the Community	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review. Minor changes are made to align with present-day social medial platform usage patterns along with other changes for continuous improvement.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to the IELRA, 115 ILCS 5/3(c), added by P.A. 101-620, requiring districts to allow union representatives to meet with employees during the work day, without loss of pay or leave time, for certain reasons. Other continuous improvement updates are also made to the footnotes.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Revisions to Policies, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits — *continued*

8:30-E1, Letter to Parent Regarding Visits to School by Child Sex Offenders	The exhibit is updated with minor continuous improvement changes after a five-year review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:30-E2, Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property	The exhibit is updated with minor continuous improvement changes after a five-year review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:80, Gifts to the District	The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8:110, Public Suggestions and Concerns	<p>The policy, Legal References, footnotes, and Cross References are updated in response to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act (IELRA), 115 ILCS 5/14(c-5), added by P.A. 101-620, requiring districts to establish email policies in an effort to prohibit the use of their email systems by third parties. 2. Continuous improvement and minor style updates. 	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRESS Issue 103 Trivia

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Operational Services

Pandemic Preparedness ¹

The School Board recognizes that the District will play an essential role along with the local health department and emergency management agencies in protecting the public's health and safety if an influenza pandemic occurs.² Pandemic influenza is a worldwide outbreak of a virus for which there is little or no natural immunity and no vaccine; it spreads quickly to people who have not been previously exposed to the new virus.³

To prepare the School District community for a pandemic, the Superintendent or designee shall:⁴ (1) learn and understand the roles that the federal, State, and local government would play in an epidemic; (2) form a pandemic planning team consisting of appropriate District personnel and community members to identify priorities and oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive pandemic influenza school action plan; and (3) build awareness of the final plan among staff, students, and community.

The footnotes are not intended to be part of the adopted policy; they should be removed before the policy is adopted.

¹ This policy is optional. Its purpose is to establish board direction about pandemic preparedness issues and provide information to the community about the board's role during an influenza pandemic. Information similar to this policy's content may also be a part of a district's safety plans, which the superintendent uses to implement the board's direction in this policy.

A pandemic is a worldwide outbreak of a disease for which there is little or no natural immunity. During an influenza pandemic, a new influenza virus will cause thousands or even millions of people to contract the disease and, in turn, spread the illness to others because people have not been previously exposed to the new virus. Seasonal influenza viruses are similar to those already circulating among people. See **School Guidance During an Influenza Pandemic**, December 2006; Illinois State Board of Education opening letter to School Officials dated November 2006 from Dr. Randy J. Dunn and Dr. Eric Whitaker. This letter may be found at: www.idph.state.il.us/pandemic_flu/school_guide/sppg_letter.pdf.

According to the Centers for Disease Control guidance, schools serve as an "amplification point" of flu epidemics. **School Superintendent's Insider**, April 2007. School officials should be preparing for the flu pandemic as a U.S. Health and Human Services Pandemic Influenza Plan estimates that about 30 percent of the general population would become ill in a pandemic. The agency estimates among school-aged children the figure would be higher, about 40 percent. Sources: **NSBA and School Board News**, 3/14/2006.

Boards are authorized to adopt a policy on pandemic preparedness even though State and federal law provide little guidance. State law grants boards broad authority to formulate, adopt, and modify school board policies, at the board's sole discretion, subject only to mandatory collective bargaining agreements and State and federal law. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.5 and 115 ILCS 5/1 et seq. See 2:20, *Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification*, and also 2:240, *Board Policy Development*.

² Multiple stakeholders have important roles in pandemic influenza preparedness and response. Stakeholders include federal departments and agencies, public health organizations, State and local health departments and laboratories, private health care organizations, influenza vaccine and antiviral manufacturers, and vaccine distributors and vaccinators. Effective response to an influenza pandemic requires planning, infrastructure, and action at many levels and by many groups. **Illinois Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan**, Version 2.05, October 10, 2006, page 38, which is located at: www.idph.state.il.us/pandemic_flu/planning.htm.

³ See www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/cikrpandemicinfluenzaguide.pdf.

⁴ 105 ILCS 5/10-16.7. The school board directs, through policy, the superintendent in his or her charge of the district's administration.

Emergency School Closing⁵

In the case of a pandemic, any decision for an emergency school closing will be made by the Superintendent in consultation with and, if necessary, at the direction of the District's local health department, emergency management agencies, and Regional Office of Education.⁶

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-16.7 and 5/10-20.5.
Ill. Dept. of Public Health Act (Part 1), 20 ILCS 2305/2(b).
Ill. Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305.
Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act, 115 ILCS 5/.

CROSS REF.: 1:20 (District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 4:170 (Safety), 7:90 (Release During School Hours), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)

The footnotes are not intended to be part of the adopted policy; they should be removed before the policy is adopted.

⁵ Local health departments, emergency medical agencies, and the Regional Office of Education may direct a school to close during a pandemic. See **School Guidance During an Influenza Pandemic**, December 2006; Illinois State Board of Education opening letter to school officials dated November 2006 from Dr. Randy J. Dunn and Dr. Eric Whitaker. This letter is at: www.idph.state.il.us/pandemic_flu/school_guide/sppg_letter.pdf. Since this letter was written, several Illinois schools faced an H1N1 outbreak in 2009. During that outbreak, ISBE directed schools with a statement titled *Closing School in Response to H1N1* that outlined "the decision to close school must be made locally by the school district and in conjunction and support with the relevant local public health department. The impact of pandemic influenza may vary from region to region. Therefore, it is crucial that district administrators rely on the advice and recommendations of their local public health department." See www.isbe.net/Documents/SP42-2009_school_dismissals.pdf.

The Ill. Dept. of Public Health is also authorized to order a place to be closed and made off-limits to the public to prevent the probable spread of a dangerously contagious or infectious disease. 20 ILCS 2305/2(b).

The Governor also has emergency powers upon his or her declaration of a disaster, which includes among other things public health emergencies. 20 ILCS 3305/4 and 3305/7. Upon such proclamation, the Governor has, and may exercise for a period not to exceed 30 days, several emergency powers. *Id.*

⁶ Use this alternative for districts in suburban Cook County: replace "Regional Office of Education" with "appropriate Intermediate Service Center." P.A. 96-893 abolished the Regional Office of Education for Suburban Cook County and transferred its duties and powers to Intermediate Service Centers.

Operational Services

Administrative Procedure – Grant Flexibility; Payment of Employee Salaries During a Pandemic ¹

The Superintendent may implement this procedure, after consultation with the Board², when it is determined it would be in the best interests of the District to utilize federal or State agency grant flexibilities that allow continued payment of employee salaries and benefits from grant funds during a pandemic. This procedure shall be implemented consistent with District practices required by Board policies 5:200, *Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal*, and 5:270, *Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment*. ³

During a pandemic, federal and/or State agencies may take official action to temporarily allow the District (as a grant recipient) to continue to charge employee salaries and benefits to grant funds while the activities of a grant are closed in whole or in part because of a pandemic, when those payments are made consistent with the District's local practices⁴ for the payment of salaries and benefits to *similarly situated* employees paid from *other* funding sources (i.e., not tied to grant-funds) during a pandemic. The Districts will use this procedure to address the payment of salaries and benefits to grant-funded employees and similarly situated non-grant funded employees during a pandemic. ⁵

The footnotes should be removed before the material is used.

¹ Depending upon the specific terms of government orders and/or guidance issued during a pandemic, this procedure may be required if a district wishes to continue to charge employee salaries and benefits to a grant during an extended school closure. See f/n 3 below for further discussion. **Note:** Apart from this potential requirement tied to grant funding, there is no other federal or State law that requires a district to have a procedure that specifically addresses the payment of employee salaries during a pandemic.

² The Superintendent needs to document his or her consultation with the Board under this procedure. This procedure does not require formal board action; however, documentation could be accomplished through board meeting minutes if discussed at a meeting or through correspondence from the Superintendent to Board members. See policy 2:140, *Communications To and From the Board*, and 2:140-E, *Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use* for guidance regarding compliance with the Open Meetings Act as it pertains to board member communications outside of a public meeting.

³ See policies 5:200, *Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal*, at f/n7 and 5:270, *Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment*, for information about general sources of board authority for the payment of professional and educational support personnel.

⁴ The memorandum issued by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) referenced in f/n 4 below refers to grant recipients having a "policy," which is used in the generic sense and does not mean a formally adopted board policy. To avoid confusion regarding the federal government's use of the word "policy" in this context and the PRESS PRM's use of policy, this procedure uses the term "practices."

⁵ During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memorandum on 3-19-20, that permitted federal agencies to allow grant recipients to continue to pay employee salaries and benefits from federal grant funds for a 90-day period, if such payments were made "consistent with the recipients' policy of paying salaries (under unexpected or extraordinary circumstances) from all funding sources." See www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/M-20-17.pdf. Specifically, the memorandum permitted relief from certain provisions of the federal uniform guidance for grants at 2 C.F.R. Part 200 that require grant expenditures to be directly tied to the activities of the grant. The Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit of the Illinois Governor's office, which administers the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)(30 ILCS 708/), confirmed that the OMB flexibility memo also applied to State grants through GATA. See *Guidance for Short-Term Relief of 2 CFR 200*, at www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Pages/default.aspx.

When school buildings are closed due to a pandemic, the Superintendent shall:

1. Consult with the Board to determine the extent to which continued payment of salaries and benefits will be made to the District's employees,⁶ pursuant to Board policies 3:40, *Superintendent*, 3:50, *Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent*, 5:35, *Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act*, 5:200, *Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal* and 5:270, *Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment*, and consistent with the following:⁷
 - a. Laws, regulations, federal or State or local emergency declarations, executive orders, and agency directives;⁸
 - b. Collective bargaining agreements and any bargaining obligations; and
 - c. The terms of any grant under which an employee is being paid.
2. When permitted by the terms of any grant or related regulatory flexibility, and in consultation with the Board, ensure that the District continues to charge to the respective grants payment of the salaries and benefits to grant-funded employees when payment of salary and benefits is also being made to similarly situated non-grant funded employees.
3. Consult with the Board Attorney for guidance on the continued payment of salaries and benefits for grant-funded employees and similarly situated non-grant funded employees and any related legal obligations, such as collective bargaining.⁹

The footnotes should be removed before the material is used.

Following the OMB memorandum, the U.S. Dept. of Education (DOE) issued its own guidance to grant recipients, stating that recipients could continue to pay employees with DOE grant funds when closed due to COVID-19, as long as the recipient paid "consistent with its policies and procedures, similarly situated employees whose compensation is paid with non-federal funds during an extended closure." See www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/factsheet-fiscal-questions.pdf. Neither the OMB nor DOE define *similarly situated* in their guidance; consult the board attorney for advice on this issue. Other agencies administering grant flexibilities during a pandemic such as COVID-19 may issue their own guidance regarding whether a grant recipient's local employee payment practices during extraordinary circumstances must address all employees, only similarly situated employees, or other subsets of employees. This procedure includes the *similarly situated* standard because districts receive much of their federal funding through DOE. Consult the board attorney if the district wants to modify this procedure based on agency guidance from agencies other than DOE.

⁶ 105 ILCS 5/10-23.8 and 5/10-23.8a (superintendent and other administrators salary and benefits); 105 ILCS 5/10-20.7, 5/10-21.1, 5/24-1, and 5/24-8, amended by P.A. 101-443, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, (teacher minimum salary); and 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-23.5 (educational support personnel); 29 U.S.C. §201 *et seq.* (payment of *exempt* employees as defined in the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)); and 820 ILCS 115/3 (payment of non-exempt educational support personnel).

⁷ 105 ILCS 5/10-20.5 and 115 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.* See paragraph four of f/n 1 in policy 4:180, *Pandemic Preparedness*.

⁸ The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (29 U.S.C. §201 *et seq.*) generally requires employers to pay *exempt employees* their full salary for any week in which the employee performs work, regardless of the number of days or hours worked in that week; however, the FLSA does not require employers to pay them for any workweek in which they perform no work. 29 C.F.R. §541.602. The FLSA has no such payment requirement for *non-exempt* employees who are generally paid on an hourly basis.

During the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor and the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) issued directives and/or guidance regarding payment of school district employees that may impact a board's decision regarding continued payment of employees during an extended closure. ISBE and the Governor suspended in-person learning and issued a Joint Statement with other school administrator and union groups, which purported to mandate that all school district employees on the district's payroll be paid as if districts were functioning normally and they were performing their normal work. See www.isbe.net/Documents/Joint-Statement-Updated%203-27-20.pdf. The Joint Statement cited no specific authority for the payment mandate. Additionally, changes to wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment, even when made during an extraordinary circumstance such as a pandemic, remain subject to collective bargaining obligations.

⁹ Staffing and payment of employees during a pandemic presents a number of complex and potentially fluid legal issues; regular consultation with the board attorney is critical under such circumstances to limit the district's liability.

4. Make recommendation(s) to the Board about the continued payment of grant-funded and similarly situated non-grant funded employees' salary and benefits during the emergency closure.
5. Regularly report to the Board regarding the payment of grant-funded and similarly situated non-grant funded employees and the work being performed by those employees during the period of the emergency closure.

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7:90 Release During School Hours

New/Unpublished Section

For safety and security reasons, a prior written or oral consent of a student's custodial parent/guardian is required before a student is released during school hours: (1) at any time before the regular dismissal time or at any time before school is otherwise officially closed, and/or (2) to any person other than a custodial parent/guardian. [PRESSPlus1](#)

Early Dismissal Announcement

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to issue an announcement whenever it is necessary to close school early due to inclement weather or other reason.

Voting^{Q1}

The Superintendent or designee shall specify the hours during which students who are entitled to vote at a primary, general, or special election, or any election at which propositions are submitted to a popular vote in Illinois, may be absent from school for a period of two hours to vote. Students are entitled to be absent from school to vote beginning the 15th day before the primary, general, or special election, or any election at which propositions are submitted to a popular vote in Illinois, or on the day of such election.

LEGAL REF.:

10 ILCS 5/7-42(b) and 5/17-15(b), Election Code.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety)

Questions and Answers:

***Required Question 1. 10 ILCS 5/7-42 and 10 ILCS 5/17-15, amended by P.A. 101-624, eff. 6-1-20, provide that beginning on the 15th day before a primary, general, or special election or on the day of any such election, any student who is eligible to vote is entitled to be absent for two hours during the school day to vote. Districts may specify the hours during which eligible students may be absent from their schools. See the footnotes of sample policy 7:90, available at **PRESS** Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for more information.

Including this subhead aligns with best practice and serves several policy functions and purposes: ensuring legal compliance, directing or authorizing the superintendent or staff members, and/or providing information. However, including this information in policy is not required.

Has the Board adopted the Voting subhead?

- Yes (default)
 No (IASB will remove the Voting subhead and the Legal Reference to it from this policy, and the references to it from policy 7:70)
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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. This sample policy and its contents are discretionary with each school board. Sample PRESS policy 4:170, *Safety*, authorizes the Superintendent to close school(s) in the event of hazardous weather or other emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff members, or school property.

Planning for unforeseen early dismissals furthers a positive parent-school relationship and reduces the possibility of unsupervised children. According to this sample policy's introductory section, the school does not need prior parental consent before releasing students for an early dismissal even when it is unforeseen. The second section, however, requires the superintendent or designee to use *reasonable efforts* to announce an early dismissal. The *reasonable efforts* could be satisfied, for example, by a website posting, telephone chain notification, or recorded message on the school's telephone.

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2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses

Board Member Compensation Prohibited

Board of Education members provide volunteer service to the community and may not receive compensation for services, except that a Board member serving as the Board Secretary may be paid an amount up to the statutory limit if the Board so provides.

Roll Call Vote

All Board member expense requests for travel, meals, and/or lodging must be approved by roll call vote at an open meeting of the Board.

Regulation of School District Expenses

The Board regulates the reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses in the District by resolution. When presenting the proposed budget and when necessary, the Superintendent will recommend a maximum allowable reimbursement amount for expenses to be included in the resolution. The recommended amount should be based upon the District's budget and other financial considerations.

Money shall not be advanced or reimbursed, or purchase orders issued for: (1) the expenses of any person except the Board member, (2) anyone's personal expenses, or (3) entertainment expenses. Entertainment includes, but is not limited to, shows, amusements, theaters, circuses, sporting events, or any other place of public or private entertainment or amusement, unless the entertainment is ancillary to the purpose of the program or event.

Exceeding the Maximum Allowable Reimbursement Amount(s)

All requests for expense advancements, reimbursements, and/or purchase orders that exceed the maximum allowable reimbursement amount set by the Board may only be approved by it when:

1. The Board's resolution to regulate expenses allows for such approval;
2. An emergency or other extraordinary circumstance exists; and
3. The request is approved by a roll call vote at an open Board meeting.

Advancements

The Board may advance to its members actual and necessary expenses to be incurred while attending:

1. Meetings sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education or by the Regional Superintendent of Schools;
2. County or regional meetings and the annual meeting sponsored by any school board association complying with Article 23 of the School Code; and
3. Meetings sponsored by a national organization in the field of public school education.

Expense advancement requests must be submitted to the Superintendent or designee on the Board's standardized estimated expense approval form. After spending expense advancements, Board members must use the Board's standardized expense reimbursement form and submit to the Superintendent: (a) the itemized, signed advancement voucher that was issued, and (b) the amount of actual expenses by attaching receipts. A Board member must return to the District any portion of an expense advancement not used. If an expense advancement is not requested, expense reimbursements may be issued by the Board to its members for the activities listed in numbers one through three, above, along with registration fees or tuition for a course(s) that allowed compliance with the mandatory trainings described in policy 2:120, *Board Member Development* and other professional development opportunities that are encouraged by the School Code, and other training provided by one of the entities described in the above list (see the **Reimbursements and Purchase Orders** subhead, below). Expense advancements and vouchers shall be presented to the Board in its regular bill process.

Reimbursements and Purchase Orders

Expense reimbursement is not guaranteed and, when possible, Board members should seek pre-approval of expenses by providing an estimation of expenses on the Board's standardized estimated expense approval form, except in situations when the expense is diminutive. When pre-approval is not sought, Board members must seek reimbursement on the Board's standardized expense reimbursement form. Expense reimbursements and purchase orders shall be presented to the Board in

its regular bill process.

Credit and Procurement Cards

Credit and procurement cards shall not be issued to Board members.

Standardized Expense Form(s) Required

All requests for expense advancement, reimbursement, and/or purchase orders in the District must be submitted on the appropriate itemized, signed standardized form(s). The form(s) must show the following information:

1. The amount of the estimated or actual expense, with attached receipts for actual incurred expenses.
2. The name and office of the Board member who is requesting the expense advancement or reimbursement. Receipts from group functions must include the names, offices, and job titles of all participants.
3. The date(s) of the official business on which the expense advancement or reimbursement will be or was expended.
4. The nature of the official business conducted when the expense advancement or reimbursement will be or was expended.

Types of Official Business for Expense Advancements, Reimbursements, and Purchase Orders

1. Registration. When possible, registration fees will be paid by the District in advance.
2. Travel. The least expensive method of travel will be used, providing that no hardship will be caused to the Board member. Board members will be reimbursed for:
 - a. Air travel at the coach or economy class commercial airline rate. First class or business class air travel will be reimbursed only if emergency circumstances warrant. The emergency circumstances must be explained on the expense form and Board approval of the additional expense is required. Fees for the first checked bag will be reimbursed. Copies of airline tickets and baggage receipts must be attached to the expense form. [Q1](#)
 - b. Rail or bus travel at actual cost. Rail or bus travel costs may not exceed the cost of coach airfare. Copies of tickets must be attached to the expense form to substantiate amounts.
 - c. Use of personal automobiles at the standard mileage rate approved by the Internal Revenue Service for income tax purposes. The reimbursement may not exceed the cost of coach airfare. Mileage for use of personal automobiles in trips to and from transportation terminals will also be reimbursed. Toll charges and parking costs will be reimbursed.
 - d. Automobile rental costs when the vehicle's use is warranted. The circumstances for such use must be explained on the expense form.
 - e. Taxis, airport limousines, ride sharing or other local transportation costs.
3. Meals. Meals charged to the School District will be reimbursed for meal costs up to \$50 per day, consistent with the maximum allowable reimbursement amount set by the Board. Tips are included with meal charges. Expense forms must explain the meal charges incurred. Alcoholic beverages will not be reimbursed.
4. Lodging. Board members should request conference rate or mid-fare room accommodations. A single room rate will be reimbursed. Board members should pay personal expenses at checkout. If that is impossible, deductions for the charges should be made on the expense form.
5. Miscellaneous Expenses. Board members may seek reimbursement for other expenses incurred while attending a meeting sponsored by organizations described herein by fully describing the expenses on the expense form, attaching receipts.

Additional Requirements for Travel Expenses Charged to Federal and State Grants [PRESSPlus1](#)

All Board member expenses for travel charged to a federal grant or State grant governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (30 ILCS 708/) must comply with Board policy 5:60, *Expenses*, and its implementing procedures. Travel expenses include costs for transportation, lodging, meals, and related items.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20 and 5/10-22.32.

30 ILCS 708/. Government Accountability and Transparency Act.

Local Government Travel Expense Control Act, 50 ILCS 150/. Local Government Travel Expense Control Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 2:120 (Board Member Development), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 4:50 (Payment Procedures), 4:55 (Use of Credit and Procurement Cards), 5:60 (Expenses)

ADOPTED: February 13, 2017

Questions and Answers:

***Required Question 1. This optional language reflects the standard for expenses permitted for federal and State grants. 41 C.F.R. §301-12.2.

Does the Board reimburse baggage fees?

- Yes (default)
 - No (IASB will remove the sentence regarding checked bag reimbursement and the text "and baggage receipts.")
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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Required by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), 30 ILCS 708/130. Boards are required to follow this subhead, policy 5:60's subhead Additional Requirements for Travel Expenses Charged to Federal and State Grants, and 5:60-AP (available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com) when they use grant money to reimburse Board member travel expenses charged to federal pass-through grants and State grants covered by GATA.

Federal travel regulations state that requests for authorization for actual expense reimbursement should be made *in advance* of travel. 2 C.F.R. §301-11.302. 2:125-E2, *Board Member Estimated Expense Approval Form*, can be used as a form for pre-approval. See policy 5:60 and the **PRESS** Update Memo for more information.

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2:160 Board Attorney

The Board of Education may ~~enter into agreements for~~ **retain** legal services with one or more attorneys or law firms to be the Board Attorney(s). The Board Attorney represents the School Board in its capacity as the governing body for the School District. ~~The Board Attorney shall not represent another client if the representation involves a concurrent conflict of interest, unless permitted by the Ill. Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Ill. Supreme Court.~~ The Board Attorney serves on a retainer or other fee arrangement as determined in advance. The Board Attorney will provide services as described in the agreement for legal services **or as memorialized by an engagement letter**. The District will only pay for legal services that are provided in accordance with the agreement for legal services, **as memorialized by an engagement letter**, or **that** are otherwise authorized by this policy or a majority of the Board. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Superintendent, his or her designee, and Board President, are each authorized to confer with and/or seek the legal advice of the Board Attorney. The Board may **also** authorize a specific **Board** member to confer with **the Board Attorney** ~~legal counsel~~ on its behalf.

The Superintendent may authorize the Board Attorney to represent the District in any legal matter until the Board has an opportunity to **be informed of and/or** consider the matter. The Board of Education retains the right to consult with or employ other attorneys and to terminate the service of any attorney.

The Board may consider using the attached procedure 216-P.

LEGAL REF.:

[Rule 1.7](#) (Conflict of Interest: Current Clients) and [Rule 1.13](#) (Organization as Client) of the Ill. Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Ill. Supreme Court.

CROSS REF.: 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts)

~~ADOPTED: October 26, 2015~~

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to a five-year review and **PRESS** Advisory Board feedback. **Issue 103, March 2020**

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5:60 Expenses

The Board regulates the reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses by resolution. Money shall not be advanced or reimbursed, or purchase orders issued for: (1) the expenses of any person except the employee, (2) anyone's personal expenses, or (3) entertainment expenses. Entertainment includes, but is not limited to, shows, amusements, theaters, circuses, sporting events, or any other place of public or private entertainment or amusement, unless the entertainment is ancillary to the purpose of the program or event. The District is not responsible for losses due to an employee's own negligence, losses due to normal wear, or losses due to theft, unless the theft was a result of the District's negligence. Employees must submit the appropriate itemized, signed, standardized form(s) to support any requests for expense advancements, reimbursements, or purchase orders that show the following:

1. The amount of the estimated or actual expense, with attached receipts for actual incurred expenses.
2. The name and title of the employee who is requesting the expense advancement or reimbursement. Receipts from group functions must include the names, offices, and job titles of all participants.
3. The date(s) of the official business on which the expense advancement, reimbursement, or purchase order will be or was expended.
4. The nature of the official business conducted when the expense advancement, reimbursement, or purchase order will be or was expended.

Advancements

The Superintendent may advance expenses to teachers and other licensed employees for the anticipated actual and necessary expenses to be incurred while attending meetings that are related to their duties and will contribute to their professional development, provided they fall below the maximum allowed in the Board's expense regulations.

Expense advancement requests must be submitted to the Superintendent or designee on the District's standardized estimated expense approval form for employees. After spending expense advancements, employees must use the District's standardized expense reimbursement form and submit to the Superintendent: (a) the itemized, signed advancement voucher that was issued, and (b) the amount of actual expenses by attaching receipts. Any portion of an expense advancement not used must be returned to the District. Expense advancements and vouchers shall be presented to the Board in its regular bill process.

Reimbursements and Purchase Orders

Expense reimbursements and purchase orders may be issued by the Superintendent or designee to employees, along with other expenses necessary for the performance of their duties, provided the expenses fall below the maximum allowed in the Board's expense regulations.

Expense reimbursements and purchase order approvals are not guaranteed and, when possible, employees should seek pre-approval of expenses by providing an estimation of expenses on the District's standardized estimated expense approval form for employees, except in situations when the expense is diminutive. When pre-approval is not sought, employees must seek reimbursement on the District's standardized expense reimbursement form for employees. Expense reimbursements and purchase orders shall be presented to the Board in its regular bill process.

Use of Credit and Procurement Cards

Credit and procurement card usage is governed by policy 4:55, *Use of Credit and Procurement Cards*.

Exceeding the Maximum Allowable Expense Amount(s)

All requests for expense advancements, reimbursements, and purchase orders exceeding the maximum allowed in the Board's expense regulations may only be approved when:

1. The Board's resolution to regulate expenses allows for such approval;
2. An emergency or other extraordinary circumstance exists; and
3. The request is approved by a roll call vote at an open Board meeting.

Registration

When possible, registration fees will be paid by the District in advance.

Travel

The least expensive method of travel will be used, provided that no hardship will be caused to the employee. Employees will be reimbursed for:

1. Air travel at the coach or economy class commercial airline rate. First class or business class air travel will be reimbursed only if emergency circumstances warrant. The emergency circumstances must be explained on the expense form and Board approval of the additional expense is required. Fees for the first checked bag will be reimbursed. Copies of airline tickets and baggage receipts must be attached to the expense form. [Q1](#)
2. Rail or bus travel at actual cost. Rail or bus travel costs may not exceed the cost of coach airfare. Copies of tickets must be attached to the expense form to substantiate amounts.
3. Use of personal automobiles at the standard mileage rate approved by the Internal Revenue Service for income tax purposes. The reimbursement may not exceed the cost of coach airfare. Mileage for use of personal automobiles in trips to and from transportation terminals will also be reimbursed. Toll charges and parking costs will be reimbursed.
4. Automobile rental costs when the vehicle's use is warranted. The circumstances for such use must be explained on the expense form.
5. Taxis, airport limousines, ride sharing services, or other local transportation costs.

Meals

Meals charged to the District will be reimbursed for meal costs up to \$50 per day. Tips are included with meal charges. Expense forms must explain the meal charges incurred. Alcoholic beverages will not be reimbursed.

Lodging

Employees should request conference rate or mid-fare room accommodations. A single room rate will be reimbursed. Employees should pay personal expenses at checkout. If that is impossible, deductions for the charges should be made on the expense form.

Miscellaneous Expenses

Employees may seek reimbursement for other expenses incurred while attending a meeting sponsored by organizations described herein by fully describing the expenses on the expense form, attaching receipts.

Additional Requirements for Travel Expenses Charged to Federal and State Grants [PRESSPlus1](#)

All grant-related travel expenses must be pre-approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Expenses for travel, including expenses for transportation, lodging, meals, and related items incurred by employees and charged to a federal grant or State grant governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (30 ILCS 708/) must also meet the following requirements:

1. The participation of the employee is necessary to the award, and the costs are specifically related to the award.
2. Expenses must be permissible under the terms and conditions of the award.
3. Expenses must be reasonable and consistent with this policy.
4. The Board does not reimburse actual expenses or pay a per diem allowance unless the employee is on official *travel status* for more than 12 hours. However, employees remain eligible for mileage reimbursement (minus regular commuting mileage/costs) and other transportation expenses if on travel status less than 12 hours.
5. Expenses may be charged based on an actual cost basis or on a per diem basis in lieu of actual costs incurred; however, only one method may be applied per trip.
6. Commercial airfare costs in excess of the least expensive coach or economy class are prohibited except when such accommodations would: (1) require circuitous routing; (2) require travel during unreasonable hours; (3) excessively prolong travel; (4) result in additional costs that would offset transportation savings; or (5) offer accommodations not reasonably adequate for the traveler's medical needs. Qualifying circumstances must be explained on the expense form, and Board approval of the additional expense is required.
7. Per diem rates and actual reimbursement amounts for mileage, meals, and lodging may not exceed the rates established by the Governor's Travel Control Board or federal travel regulations, whichever is less. These limits do not apply when: (1) an employee stays in the lowest-priced room available at or near a hotel where a conference or seminar is located or in accommodations arranged by the conference/seminar organization, or (2) lodging at or below the established rate is unavailable. In those cases, the employee will be reimbursed for actual lodging expenses with prior approval, but in no case will the reimbursement exceed 300% of the applicable maximum per diem rate. If a conference fee includes a meal, the meal or per diem allowance will be reduced by the actual value of the meal or the applicable meal allowance, whichever is less.
8. Employees must use the least expensive compact car available when using a rental car for travel, unless an exception is

approved. The Board does not reimburse employees for collision damage waiver or theft insurance.

9. The Board will reimburse travel expenses not chargeable to an award from other District funds consistent with this policy.

LEGAL REF.:

2 C.F.R. §200.474.

30 ILCS 708/130, Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

150/, Local Government Travel Expense Control Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-22.32.

820 ILCS 115/9.5, Ill. Wage Payment and Collection Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:125 (Board Member Compensation; Expenses), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 4:50 (Payment Procedures), 4:55 (Use of Credit and Procurement Cards)

Questions and Answers:

***Required Question 1. This optional language reflects the standard for expenses permitted for federal and State grants. 41 C.F.R. §301-12.2.

Does the Board reimburse baggage fees?

- Yes (default)
 No (IASB will remove the sentence regarding checked bag reimbursement and the text "and baggage receipts.")
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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Required by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, 30 ILCS 708/130. Boards are required to follow this subhead and 5:60-AP (available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com) when they use grant money to reimburse employee travel expenses charged to federal pass-through grants and State grants covered by GATA.

Federal travel regulations state that requests for authorization for actual expense reimbursement should be made *in advance* of travel. 2 C.F.R. §301-11.302. 5:60-E2, *Board Member Estimated Expense Approval Form*, can be used as a form for pre-approval. See the footnotes of policy 5:60, available at **PRESS** Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, and the **PRESS** Update Memo for more information.

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5:150 Personnel Records

Please refer to the following current Agreements:

- Agreement between District 202 Board of Education and Teachers' Council (Certificated Personnel).
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- Agreement between District 202 Board of Education and International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399.
- Agreement between Evanston Township High School Board of Education and Evanston Township High School Food Services Department, Service Employees International Union #73.

The Superintendent or designee shall manage a process for responding to inquiries by a prospective employer concerning a current or former employee's job performance. The Superintendent shall execute the requirements in the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act whenever another school district asks for a reference concerning an applicant who is or was a District employee and was the subject of a report made by a District employee to DCFS.

When requested for information about an employee by an entity other than a prospective employer, the District will only confirm position and employment dates unless the employee has submitted a written request to the Superintendent or designee.

For those employees not covered by these Agreements:

The Superintendent or designee shall manage the maintenance of personnel records in accordance with State and federal law and Board of Education policy. Records, as determined by the Superintendent or designee, are retained for all employment applicants, employees, and former employees given the need for the District to document employment-related decisions, evaluate program and staff effectiveness, and comply with government recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Personnel records shall be maintained in the District's Human Resources department.

Access to personnel records is available as follows:

1. An employee will be given access to his or her personnel records according to State law and guidelines developed by the Superintendent.
2. An employee's supervisor or other management employee who has an employment or business-related reason to inspect the record is authorized to have access.
3. Anyone having the respective employee's written consent may have access.
4. Access will be granted to anyone authorized by State or federal law to have access.
5. All other requests for access to personnel information are governed by Board policy 2:250, *Access to District Public Records*.

LEGAL REF.:

325 ILCS 5/4, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. [PRESSPlus1](#)

745 ILCS 46/10, Employment Record Disclosure Act.

820 ILCS 40/, Personal Record Review Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.660.](#)

CROSS REF.: 2:250 (Access to District Public Records), 5:130 (Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information), 7:340 (Student Records)

ADOPTED: October 24, 2016

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated. **Issue 103, March 2020**

Document Status: Draft Update

5:280 Duties and Qualifications

All support staff: (1) must meet qualifications specified in job descriptions, (2) must be able to perform the essential tasks listed and/or assigned, and (3) are subject to Board policies as they may be changed from time-to-time at the Board's sole discretion.

Paraprofessionals

Paraprofessionals provide supervised instructional support. Service as a paraprofessional requires an educator license with stipulations endorsed for a paraprofessional educator unless a specific exemption is authorized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

Individuals with only non-instructional duties (e.g., providing technical support for computers, providing personal care services, or performing clerical duties) are not paraprofessionals, and the requirements in this section do not apply. In addition, individuals completing their clinical experiences and/or student teaching do not need to comply with this section, provided their service otherwise complies with ISBE rules.

Noncertificated and Unlicensed Personnel Working with Students and Performing Non-Instructional Duties

Noncertificated and unlicensed personnel performing non-instructional duties may be used:

1. For supervising study halls, long distance teaching reception areas used incident to instructional programs transmitted by electronic media, e.g., computers, video, and audio, detention and discipline areas, and school-sponsored extracurricular activities;
2. As supervisors, chaperones, or sponsors for non-academic school activities; or
3. For non-teaching duties not requiring instructional judgment or student evaluation.

Nothing in this policy prevents a noncertificated person from serving as a guest lecturer or resource person under a certificated teacher's direction and with the administration's approval.

When appropriate, the Superintendent may seek approval from the responsible regional superintendent for a noncertificated individual to provide specialized instruction that is not otherwise readily available in the school environment in the field that the individual is particularly qualified by reason of specialized knowledge or skill.

Coaches and Athletic Trainers

Athletic coaches and trainers shall have the qualifications required by any association in which the School District maintains a membership. Regardless of whether the athletic activity is governed by an association, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each athletic coach: (1) is knowledgeable regarding coaching principles, (2) has first aid training, and (3) is a trained Automatic External Defibrillator user according to rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Anyone performing athletic training services shall be licensed under the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act, be an athletic trainer aide performing care activities under the on-site supervision of a licensed athletic trainer, or otherwise be qualified to perform athletic trainer activities under State law.

LEGAL REF.:

34 C.F.R. §§200.58 and 200.59. [PRESSPlus1](#)

105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b.

625 ILCS 5/6-104 and 5/6-106.1.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§[1.280](#), [1.630](#), and 25.510.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:170 (Safety), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers)

ADOPTED: February 13, 2017

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated in response to amended III. State Board of Education rules governing educator licensure. **Issue 103, March 2020**

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5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers

The District shall adhere to State and federal law and regulations requiring a drug and alcohol testing program for school bus and commercial vehicle drivers. The Superintendent or designee manages a program to implement State and federal law defining the circumstances and procedures for the testing.

This policy shall not be implemented, and no administrative procedures will be needed, until it is reasonably foreseeable that the District will hire staff for a position(s) requiring a commercial driver's license.

[PRESSPlus1](#)

LEGAL REF.:

[625 ILCS 5/6-106.1 and 5/6-106.1c.](#)

[49 U.S.C. §31306](#), Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing (Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, P.L. 102-143).

[49 C.F.R. Parts 40](#) (Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs), [382](#) (Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing), and [395](#) (Hours of Service of Drivers).

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications)

ADOPTED: May 1, 2017

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated to reflect that the district does not employ any CDL drivers. August 2019

Document Status: Draft Update

6:135 Accelerated Placement Program

The District provides an Accelerated Placement Program (APP). The APP advances the District's goal of providing educational programs with opportunities for each student to develop to his or her maximum potential. The APP provides an educational setting with curriculum options usually reserved for students who are older or in higher grades than the student participating in the APP. APP options include, but may not be limited to: (a) accelerating a student in a single subject; and (b) other grade-level acceleration. Participation in the APP is open to all students who demonstrate high ability and who may benefit from accelerated placement. It is not limited to students who have been identified as gifted and talented. Eligibility to participate in the District's APP shall not be conditioned upon the protected classifications identified in Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*, or any factor other than the student's identification as an accelerated learner.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement an APP that includes:

1. Decision-making processes that are fair, equitable, and involve multiple individuals, e.g. District administrators, teachers, and school support personnel, and a student's parent(s)/guardian(s);
2. Notification processes that notify a student's parent(s)/guardian(s) of a decision affecting a student's participation in the APP; and
3. Assessment processes that include multiple valid, reliable indicators.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify the community, parent(s)/guardian(s), students, and school personnel about the APP, the process for referring a student for possible evaluation for accelerated placement, and the methods used to determine whether a student is eligible for accelerated placement. Notification may: (a) include varied communication methods, such as student handbooks and District or school websites; and (b) be provided in multiple languages, as appropriate.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/14A.](#)

[23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 227, Gifted Education.](#) [PRESSPlus1](#)

CROSS REF.: 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:130 (Program for the Gifted), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) rules require this policy to be posted on the district website, if available. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §227.60(a). ISBE rules also require districts to annually report, by July 31, demographic information regarding students participating in accelerated placement. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §227.60(c). **Issue 103, March 2020**

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7:70 Attendance and Truancy

Compulsory School Attendance

This policy applies to individuals who have custody or control of a child: (a) between the ages of six (on or before September 1) and 17 years (unless the child has graduated from high school), or (b) who is enrolled in any of grades 9 through 12 in the public school regardless of age. Subject to specific requirements in State law, the following children are not required to attend public school: (1) any child attending a private school (including a home school) or parochial school, (2) any child who is physically or mentally unable to attend school (including a pregnant student suffering medical complications as certified by her physician), (3) any child lawfully and necessarily employed, (4) any child over 12 and under 14 years of age while in confirmation classes, (5) any child absent because his or her religion forbids secular activity on a particular day, and (6) any child 16 years of age or older who is employed and is enrolled in the Credit Recovery program.

The parent/guardian of a student who is enrolled must authorize all absences from school and notify the school in advance or at the time of the student's absence. A valid cause for absence includes illness, observance of a religious holiday, death in the immediate family, family emergency, other situations beyond the control of the student as determined by the Board, voting pursuant to policy 7:90, Release During School Hours (10 ILCS 5/7-42 and 5/17-15), PRESSPlus1 other circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent/guardian for the student's mental, emotional, or physical safety or health or safety, PRESSPlus2 or other reason as approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Absenteeism and Truancy Program

The Superintendent or designee shall manage an absenteeism and truancy program in accordance with the School Code and School Board policy. The program shall include but not be limited to:

1. A protocol for excusing a student from attendance who is necessarily and lawfully employed. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to determine when the student's absence is justified.
2. A protocol for excusing a student in grades 9 through 12 from attendance to sound *Taps* at a military honors funeral held in Illinois for a deceased veteran.
3. A protocol for excusing a student from attendance on a particular day(s) or at a particular time of day when his/her parent/guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat-support postings.
4. A process to identify and track students who are truants, chronic or habitual truants, or truant minors as defined in the School Code, Section 105 ILCS 5/26-2a.
5. A description of diagnostic procedures for identifying the cause(s) of a student's unexcused absenteeism, including interviews with the student, his or her parent(s)/guardian(s), and staff members or other people who may have information about the reasons for the student's attendance problem.
6. The identification of supportive services that may be offered to truant, chronically truant, or chronically absent students, including parent-teacher conferences, student and/or family counseling, or information about community agency services. See Board policy 6:110, *Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program*.
7. Reasonable efforts to provide ongoing professional development to teachers, administrators, Board members, school resource officers, and staff on the appropriate and available supportive services for the promotion of student attendance and engagement.
8. A process to request the assistance and resources of outside agencies, such as, the juvenile officer of the local police department or the truant office of the appropriate Regional Office of Education, if truancy continues after supportive services have been offered.
9. A protocol for cooperating with non-District agencies including County or municipal authorities, the appropriate Intermediate Service Center, truant officers, the Regional Truancy Review Board, and a comprehensive community based youth service agency. Any disclosure of school student records must be consistent with Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*, as well as State and federal law concerning school student records.
10. An acknowledgement that no punitive action, including out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, or court action, shall be taken against a truant minor for his or her truancy unless available supportive services and other school resources have been provided to the student.
11. The criteria to determine whether a student's non-attendance is due to extraordinary circumstances shall include economic or medical necessity or family hardship and such other criteria that the Superintendent believes qualifies.

12. A process for a 17 year old resident to participate in the District's various programs and resources for truants. The student must provide documentation of his/her dropout status for the previous 6 months. A request from an individual 19 years of age or older to re-enroll after having dropped out of school is handled according to provisions in 7:50, *School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools*.
13. A process for the temporary exclusion of a student 17 years of age or older for failing to meet minimum attendance standards according to provisions in State law. A parent/guardian has the right to appeal a decision to exclude a student.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/26-1 through 16.](#)

[705 ILCS 405/3-33.5](#), Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.242](#) and [1.290](#).

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:150 (Home and Hospital Instruction), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:80 (Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance), [7:90 \(Release During School Hours\)](#), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:340 (Student Records)

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. 10 ILCS 5/7-42 and 10 ILCS 5/17-15, amended by P.A. 101-624, eff. 6-1-20, provide that beginning on the 15th day before a primary, general, or special election or on the day of any such election, any student who is eligible to vote is entitled to be absent for two hours during the school day to vote. See policy 7:90 for more information. If the Board does not adopt the Voting subheading in policy 7:90 (see the Questions Window in the Draft Update for policy 7:90), IASB will remove this phrase and the Cross Reference to policy 7:90. **Issue 103, March 2020**

PRESSPlus 2. 105 ILCS 5//26-2a, amended by P.A. 100-810, amended valid causes for absences to include a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or safety. **Issue 103, March 2020**

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8:10 Connection with the Community

Public Relations

The Board President is the official spokesperson for the School Board. The Superintendent is the District's chief spokesperson. The Superintendent or designee shall plan and implement a District public relations program that will:

1. Develop community understanding of school operation.
2. Gather community attitudes and desires for the District.
3. Secure adequate financial support for a sound educational program.
4. Help the community feel a more direct responsibility for the quality of education provided by their schools.
5. Earn the community's good will, respect, and confidence.
6. Promote a genuine spirit of cooperation between the school and the community.
7. Keep the news media accurately informed.
8. Coordinate with the Director of Safety to provide accurate and timely information to the appropriate individuals during an emergency.

The public relations program should include:

1. Regular news releases concerning District programs, policies, activities, and special event management for distribution by, for example, posting on the District website, using social media platforms, PRESSPlus1 e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc., or sending to the news media.
2. News conferences and interviews, as requested or needed. The Board President and Superintendent will coordinate their respective media relations efforts. Individuals may speak for the District only with prior approval from the Superintendent.
3. Publications having a high quality of editorial content and effective format. All publications shall identify the District, school, department, or classroom and shall include the name of the Superintendent, the Building Principal, and/or the author and the publication date.
4. Other efforts that highlight the District's programs and activities.

Community Engagement

Community engagement is a process that the Board uses to actively involve diverse citizens in dialogue, deliberation, and collaborative thinking around common interests for the District's schools.

The Board, in consultation with the Superintendent, determines the purpose(s) and objective(s) of any community engagement initiative.

For each community engagement initiative:

1. The Board will:
 - a. Commit to the determined purpose(s) and objective(s), and
 - b. Provide information about the expected nature of the public's involvement.
2. The Superintendent or designee will:
 - a. Identify the effective tools and tactics that will advance the Board's purpose(s) and objective(s).
 - b. The Superintendent will: (1) a) At least annually, prepare a report for the of each community engagement initiative, and/or (2)
 - c. Prepare a final report of the each community engagement initiative.

The Board will periodically: (1) review whether its community engagement initiative(s) are achieving the identified purpose(s) and objective(s); (2) consider what, if any, modifications would improve effectiveness; and (3) determine whether to continue individual initiatives.

CROSS REF.: 2:110 (Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers)

ADOPTED: October 26, 2015

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to a five-year review. Minor changes are made to align with present-day social media platform usage patterns along with other changes for continuous improvement.

District social media accounts are likely either *limited public forms* or *public forums*. See the footnotes, available at **PRESS** Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for information regarding *Knight First Amendment Inst. at Columbia Univ. v. Trump*, 302 F.Supp.3d 541 (S.D.N.Y. 2018). **Issue 103, March 2020**

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8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

The following definitions apply to this policy:

School property - District and school buildings, grounds, and parking areas; vehicles used for school purposes; and any location used for a School Board meeting, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.

Visitor - Any person other than an enrolled student or District employee.

All visitors to school property are required to report to the Building Security Office or Building Safety Station and receive permission to remain on school property. All visitors must sign a visitors' log, show identification, and wear a visitor's badge. When leaving the school, visitors must return their badge. On those occasions when large groups of parents/guardians, friends, and/or community members are invited onto school property or when community members are attending Board meetings, visitors are not required to sign in but must follow school officials' instructions. Persons on school property without permission will be directed to leave and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Except as provided in the next paragraph, any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/preparation period.

Requests to access a school building, facility, and/or educational program, or to interview personnel or a student for purposes of assessing the student's special education needs, should be made at the appropriate building. Access shall be facilitated according to guidelines from the Superintendent or designee.

The School District expects mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all people on school property or at a school event. No person on school property or at a school event (including visitors, students, and employees) shall perform any of the following acts:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, Board member, sports official coach, or any other person.
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, or use vulgar or obscene language.
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device.
4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property.
5. Damage or deface School District property.
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance.
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products.
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be impaired by or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug.
9. Be present when the person's alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug consumption is detectable, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
10. Use or possess medical cannabis, unless he or she has complied with policy 7:270, *Administering Medicines to Students*, implementing *Ashley's Law*.
11. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner).
12. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the Board of Education.
13. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive.
14. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding.
15. Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee.
16. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the District or a School function.

Convicted Child Sex Offender

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender meets either of the following two exceptions:

1. The offender is a parent/guardian of a student attending the school and has notified the Building Principal or designee of his or her presence at the school for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion; or
2. The offender received permission to be present from the Superintendent, or Superintendent's designee. If permission is granted, the Superintendent shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Building Principal.

In all cases, the Superintendent, or designee shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

Enforcement

Any staff member may request identification from any person on school grounds or in any school building; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act. The Building Principal or designee shall seek the immediate removal of any person who refuses to provide requested identification.

Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from school property. The person is also subject to being denied admission to school events or meetings for up to one calendar year.

Procedures to Deny Future Admission to School Events or Meetings

Before any person may be denied admission to school events or meetings as provided in this policy, the person has a right to a hearing. The Superintendent or designee may refuse the person admission pending such hearing. The Superintendent or designee must provide the person with a hearing notice, delivered or sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, at least 10 days before the hearing date. The hearing notice must contain:

1. The date, time, and place of the Board hearing,
2. A description of the prohibited conduct,
3. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied, and
4. Instructions on how to waive a hearing.

Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent

Please refer to the applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).

For employees whose collective bargaining agreement(s) does not address this subject:

Upon notifying the Building Principal's office, authorized agents of an exclusive bargaining representative will be provided reasonable access to employees in the bargaining unit they represent in accordance with State law. Such access shall be conducted in a manner that will not impede the normal operations of the District. [PRESSPlus1](#)

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- Agreement between Evanston Township High School and Service Employees International Union Local No. 73.
- Collective Bargaining Agreement between Evanston Township High School Board of Education and Evanston Township High School Food Services Department, Service Employees International Union Local #73.
- Agreement between Evanston Township High School District 202 and International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399.

LEGAL REF.:

Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School Dist., 313 Ill. App.3d 344 (4th Dist. 2000).

[20 U.S.C. §7181](#) et seq., Pro-Children Act of 1994.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b, 5/22-33, ~~5/24-24~~, 5/24-25, and 5/27-23.7(a).

[115 ILCS 5/3\(c\)](#), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

[410 ILCS 130/](#), Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

[430 ILCS 66/](#), Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

[410 ILCS 705/](#), Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act.

[720 LCS 5/11-9.3.](#)

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities),

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act, 115 ILCS 5/3(c), added by P.A. 101-620, requiring districts to allow union representatives to meet with employees during the work day for certain reasons without loss of pay or leave time, as well as during *duty-free time* upon notice to the school office. See footnote 18 of sample policy 8:30, available at **PRESS** Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for more information. **Issue 103, March 2020**

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8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

The Board of Education is interested in receiving suggestions and concerns from members of the community. Any individual may make a suggestion or express a concern at by contacting any District or School office. Community members who e-mail the District or any District employee or board member are expected to abide by the standards in Board policy 6:235, Access to Electronic Networks, and should, to the extent possible, limit their communications to relevant individuals. [PRESSPlus1](#) All suggestions and/or concerns will be referred to the appropriate level staff member or District administrator who is most able to respond in a timely manner. Each concern or suggestion shall be considered on its merit.

An individual who is not satisfied may file a grievance under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. The Board encourages, but does not require, individuals to follow the channels of authority prior to filing a grievance. Neither this policy nor the *Uniform Grievance Procedure* create an independent right to a hearing before the Board.

Please also refer to the current Agreement between District 202 Board of Education and Teachers' Council (Certificated Personnel).

LEGAL REF.:

115 ILCS 5/14(c-5), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 2:230 (Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board), 2:260 (Complaint Policy), 3:30 (Chain of Command), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Programs), 8:10 (Connection with the Community)

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. The Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act requires employers to establish email policies in an effort to prohibit the use of its email system by outside sources. 115 ILCS 5/14(c-5), added by P.A. 101-620. Policy 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*, states that the district's network, which includes its email system, is not a public forum for general use. Further, acceptable uses of the network by any party are limited to uses in support of education and/or research or for legitimate school business purposes. However, see policy 6:235 at footnote 6, available at **PRESS** Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for a discussion of potential liability under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution if the district wants to "block" specific third parties based on message content. Including this statement also discourages school community members from engaging in the disruptive practice of mass *cc'ing* district staff who have no involvement in a particular issue. **Issue 103, March 2020**

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4:50 Payment Procedures

The Treasurer shall prepare a list of all due and payable bills, indicating vendor name and amount, and shall present it to the Board of Education at a Board's regular monthly meeting or, if necessary, a special meeting. These bills shall be reviewed by the Board of Education, after which they may be approved for payment. Approval of all bills shall be given by a roll call vote and the votes shall be recorded in the minutes.

The Treasurer is authorized, without further Board approval, to pay Social Security taxes, wages, pension contributions, utility bills, and other recurring bills. These disbursements shall be included in the listing of bills presented to the Board of Education.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to establish revolving funds and a petty cash fund system for school cafeterias, lunchrooms, athletics, or similar purposes, provided such funds are maintained in accordance with Board policy 4:80, *Accounting and Audits*, and remain in the custody of an employee who is properly bonded according to State law.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/8-16, 5/10-7, and 5/10-20.19.](#)

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §100.70.](#)

CROSS REF.: 4:55 (Use of Credit and Procurement Cards), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:80 (Accounting and Audits)

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6:280 Grading and Promotion

The Superintendent shall establish a system of grading and reporting academic achievement to students and their parents/guardians. The system shall also determine when promotion and graduation requirements are met. The decision to promote a student to the next grade level shall be based on successful completion of the curriculum, attendance, or other criteria approved by the Board of Education. A student shall not be promoted based upon age or any other social reason not related to academic performance. The administration shall provide academic assistance for a student who is not promoted.

The Superintendent or designee, shall develop written procedures for determining student promotion, for reporting to students and their parents/guardians, and for review of a final grade.

Every teacher shall maintain an evaluation record for each student in the teacher's classroom. A District administrator cannot change the final grade assigned by the teacher without notifying the teacher. Reasons for changing a student's final grade include:

- A miscalculation of test scores,
- A technical error in assigning a particular grade or score,
- The teacher agrees to allow the student to do extra work that may impact the grade,
- An inappropriate grading system used to determine the grade,
- An inappropriate grade based on an appropriate grading system,
- The absence or inability of a teacher to compute/substantiate a final grade,
- The student experiencing extenuating circumstances (e.g., serious health problem, death in the family, a hospitalization; or
- Failure of the teacher to notify the parent/guardian of a possible failing grade and failure to provide academic support to the student.

Should a grade change be made, the administrator making the change must sign the changed record.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/2-3.64a-5](#), [5/10-20.9a](#), [5/10-21.8](#), and [5/27-27](#).

CROSS REF.: 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

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7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities

All students are entitled to enjoy the rights protected by the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions and laws for persons of their age and maturity in a school setting. Students should exercise these rights reasonably and avoid violating the rights of others. Students who violate the rights of others or violate District policies or rules will be subject to disciplinary measures.

Students may, during the school day, during noninstructional time, voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings that, consistent with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, are not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any manner by the school or any school employee.

Noninstructional time means time set aside by a school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §7904.](#)

[105 ILCS 20/5.](#)

[Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District](#), 89 S.Ct. 733 (1969).

CROSS REF.: 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

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7:325 Student Fundraising Activities

No individual or organization is allowed to ask students to participate in fundraising activities while the students are on school grounds during school hours or during any school activity. Exceptions are:

1. School-sponsored student organizations; and
2. Parent organizations and booster clubs that are recognized pursuant to policy 8:90, *Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs*.

The Superintendent or designee shall manage student fundraising activities in alignment with the following directives:

1. Fundraising efforts shall not conflict with instructional activities or programs.
2. For any school that participates in the School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program, fundraising activities involving the sale of food and beverage items to students during the school day while on the school campus must comply with the Ill. State Board of Education rules concerning the sale of competitive food and beverage items.
3. Participation in fundraising efforts must be voluntary.
4. Student safety must be paramount, and door-to-door solicitations are discouraged.
5. For school-sponsored student organizations, a school staff member must supervise the fundraising activities and the student activity funds treasurer must safeguard the financial accounts.
6. The fundraising efforts must be to support the organization's purposes and/or activities, the general welfare, a charitable cause, or the educational experiences of students generally.
7. The funds shall be used to the maximum extent possible for the designated purpose.
8. Any fundraising efforts that solicit donor messages for incorporation into school property (e.g., tiles or bricks) or placement upon school property (e.g., posters or placards) must:
 - a. Develop viewpoint neutral guidelines for the creation of messages;
 - b. Inform potential donors that all messages are subject to review and approval, and that messages that do not meet the established guidelines must be resubmitted or the donation will be returned; and
 - c. Place a disclaimer on all fundraising information and near the completed donor messages that all messages are "solely the expression of the individual donors and not an endorsement by the District of any message's content."

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.19\(3\)](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 305](#), School Food Service.

CROSS REF.: 4:90 (Activity Funds), 4:120 (Food Services), 8:80 (Gifts to the District), 8:90 (Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs)

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8:80 Gifts to the District

The Board of Education appreciates gifts from any education foundation, other entities, or individuals. All gifts must adhere to each of the following:

1. Be accepted by the Board or, if less than \$500.00 in value, the Superintendent or designee. Individuals should obtain a pre-acceptance commitment before identifying the District, any school, or school program or activity as a beneficiary in any fundraising attempt, including without limitation, any Internet fundraising attempt.
2. Be given without a stated purpose or with a purpose deemed by the party with authority to accept the gift to be compatible with the Board's educational objectives and attached policy.
3. Be consistent with the District's mandate to provide equal educational and extracurricular opportunities to all students in the District as provided in Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*. State and federal laws require the District to provide equal treatment for members of both sexes to educational programming, extracurricular activities, and athletics. This includes the distribution of athletic benefits and opportunities.
4. Permit the District to maintain resource equity among its learning centers.
5. Be viewpoint neutral. The Superintendent or designee shall manage a process for the review and approval of donations involving the incorporation of messages into or placing messages upon school property.
6. Comply with all laws applicable to the District including, without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Prevailing Wage Act, the Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools, and all applicable procurement and bidding requirements.

The District will provide equal treatment to all individuals and entities seeking to donate money or a gift. Upon acceptance, all gifts become the District's property. The acceptance of a gift is not an endorsement by the Board, District, or school of any product, service, activity, or program. The method of recognition is determined by the party accepting the gift.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §1681](#) *et seq.*, Title IX of the Education Amendments implemented by [34 C.F.R. Part 106](#).

[105 ILCS 5/16-1](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §200.40](#).

CROSS REF.: 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)

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GIFT RECOGNITION AND NAMING

I. Overview

The Evanston Township High School (ETHS) Board is committed to and responsible for the recognition of all philanthropic gifts to the institution. Inclusive recognition of all gifts, regardless of size or type, is desired for donors who support ETHS's programs and plans for renovation through its capital campaign. The comprehensive campaign will include major facility improvements that are beyond the scope of the District's tax cap, special events such as a speakers series and corporate sponsorships to support extra curricular activities, facilities and programs.

The following Gift Recognition and Naming Policy is set forth to acknowledge gifts in a consistent and appropriate manner. High level stewardship is critical to success. Capital Campaigns, in particular are highly dependent upon major gifts. The policy sets forth the parameters for recognition of gifts of various levels with special focus upon major gifts.

Identification, cultivation and recognition are the hallmarks of major gift activity. Policy outlined in this document is primarily regarding visible permanent opportunities. Additionally, the recognition of historical relationships that have enriched Evanston Township High School since its founding in 1883 is both appropriate and desired.

Broad and inclusive recognition methods will be explored and presented for approval. Should donors prefer to remain anonymous, ETHS will respect and abide by their wishes. The Development Director at ETHS is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Gift recognition and naming policy should be reviewed in its entirety, at least every five years. Revisions to policy must be approved by the Board.

The gift recognition and naming policy will be used by staff and volunteer solicitors for discussions with prospective donors. Used in this way it should ensure consistent, equitable, and appropriate recognition for all gifts to ETHS.

Unforeseen circumstances may call for exceptions to stated policy.

II. General

- A. Gift recognition and naming policy applies to gifts / pledges received from all sources.
- B. An Alumni Class may be recognized for the combined total gifts from individual alumni. If this type of recognition is chosen, the individual alumnus would not then also receive individual recognition for his or her gift.
- C. If requested, individuals may be recognized for "matching gifts" which often come from corporations or foundations and match, at a pre-stated ratio, the individual's contributions.
- D. In instances where support is received from a legally incorporated organization comprised of various individuals, recognition will be given to the organization rather than the individuals within the organization. (i.e., Boosters Club or ETHS Alumni Association).
- E. Gift agreements stating pledge and payment arrangements as well as methods of recognition will be prepared for all contributions.
- F. Only gifts accepted in accordance with recognition policy will qualify for such recognition.
- G. Where appropriate, selected events or activities may be recognized for their collective support, i.e., Booster's Spring Gala.

III. Forms of Recognition

A. Gift Recognition Wall and Plaque Displays for Comprehensive Campaign

- i. Reasonably priced gift recognition displays may be created as appropriate. A display might acknowledge a specific campaign.
- ii. These displays would be centralized to maximize impact and effectiveness and to facilitate implementation and maintenance.
- iii. The minimum gift amount for inclusion in such displays will be \$10,000 cumulative.
- iv. At least 60% of the pledge commitment must be fulfilled prior to displaying the donor recognition.

B. Facilities Naming

- i. The naming of ETHS facilities (i.e., building or wing) requires approval by the District 202 Board upon recommendation by the Superintendent.
- ii. Such recognition and naming shall continue as long as the named space exists, unless otherwise stated in the Gift Acceptance or Recognition Agreement.

C. Naming of Areas within a Facility or Program

- i. Interior spaces such as theatres, class rooms, lecture halls, waiting areas, and administrative offices can be named.
- ii. The minimum amount for such recognition is \$250,000 or half the cost of the project whichever is higher.
- iii. Naming recognition of an interior space will be considered site specific and recognition will remain in place as long as the particular space and its related function remain in the location originally named. If the function of a space is relocated, the following examples may be considered by ETHS:
 - a. The donor may be offered the opportunity to make a new, additional gift commensurate with the naming opportunity value of the new space (Construction or renovation costs, location and size will influence the new naming opportunity value).
 - b. If the new location's layout is such that a portion of the new space could be named for the donor of the original space, this could be done without an additional gift.
 - c. The donor may choose to name another interior space at ETHS.
- iv. Procedures, which will ensure recognition plaques are equitable for gifts of the same level or range, will be developed by ETHS staff in consultation with the Director of Development. These procedures will detail the sizes of recognition plaques given in response to which level of gift. In addition, these procedures will detail the style of plaque and the font to ensure a consistent look.
- v. Plaque wording will be developed collaboratively by ETHS staff in consultation with the Director of Development and

each donor to ensure consistency and appropriateness.

- vi. Procedures which will detail the interior spaces available for naming and the threshold gift necessary for naming recognition will be developed by ETHS.

D. Endowment Gifts

- i. Commitments of \$100,000 or more may qualify for perpetual named opportunities.
- ii. Additional guidelines for recognition opportunities are being formulated.

E. Gifts of Equipment and Gifts in Kind

- i. Contributions of goods and services with a fair-market value will be recognized as outlined in previous sections.
- ii. Plaques will not be affixed to small fixtures or equipment.
- iii. Procedures, which will ensure recognition plaques are equitable for gifts of the same level or range, will be developed by ETHS staff in consultation with the Director of Development. These procedures will detail the sizes of recognition plaques given in response to which level of gift. In addition, these procedures will detail the style of plaque and the font to ensure a consistent look.

F. Giving Society Memberships

- i. Donors making qualified gifts will be recognized within membership recognition societies. Such societies create opportunities for more public recognition. In addition, they motivate certain benefactors to increase their giving and institutional allegiance.
- ii. Donors may be members of one or more societies at any given time and may participate in the varied membership benefits each may provide.

G. Publications

- i. ETHS will recognize qualifying gifts in an institutional annual report.
- ii. In addition, recognition may be given to the following groups for their membership and participation:
- iii. All individuals memorialized or honored during the reporting period, regardless of gift amount.
- iv. New members may be highlighted in an additional listing.
- v. Qualifying gift levels and gift dates will be detailed in procedures to be developed and regularly updated by ETHS
- vi. Other ETHS publications and Campaign publications, media, brochures and websites may provide additional opportunities for gift recognition.
- vii. Whenever possible and appropriate, gifts will be recognized in publications that feature information on the Campaign.

H. ETHS District 202 Educational Foundation

- i. Members of the ETHS District 202 Educational Foundation Board are instrumental in soliciting and securing major gifts.
- ii. The gift recognition policy will be used by Foundation staff and volunteer solicitors for discussions with prospective donors.

I. Miscellaneous

- i. Wall of Honor - Comprehensive for all gifts \$10,000 or more.
 - ii. Annual Fund minimum for recognition to be displayed is \$1,000.
 - iii. A Corporate Sponsorship packet is available for distribution and may be customized to highlight particular athletics or theater event details.
 - iv. All perpetually-named opportunities are to be periodically reviewed and determination will be made as to whether continued association with the donor is in the best interest of District 202.
 - v. The District reserves the right to remove any disreputable individuals' names from public display.
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