

FUND RAISING

The Board of Education wishes to protect district students, employees, parents and citizens from undue pressure and/or embarrassment that can potentially occur during fund raising activities. Particular care, especially at the elementary level, will be given to minimize the pressure on students to solicit for or contribute to fund raising activities.

Every fund raising or sales activity must be approved in advance by the building administrator, who is urged to restrict the number of such activities. Any fund raising activity proposed by other than New Berlin teachers, students, parent-teacher associations or parent booster groups shall require approval of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. Class time may not be used for fund raising. If any fund raising activity is contained in curricular materials, the class time must be spent on the curricular content, not the fund raising content. Fund raising may not be conducted during instructional time. Participation in any approved fund raising activity shall in every respect be voluntary. All costs incurred through fund raising activities shall be borne by the sponsoring agent of the activity.

From Students

The Board of Education believes the primary educational aims of the schools and the needs and interests of their students must be the most important consideration at all times. It shall, therefore, be a general policy to deny solicitations, promotional aid, school time or faculty assistance to pupil contests involving essay writing, poster-making or other activities sponsored by organizations outside the school.

Exceptions may be made if, in the judgment of the superintendent, a particular contest involves experiences which are closely allied to and in support of the instructional work of the school and which will clearly serve to advance the educational aims of the school. The worthiness of the sponsoring agency's cause or the opportunity for individuals to win prizes, shall not in themselves constitute sufficient reason for exception to the general policy.

Solicitations, contests or projects, in general, shall not interfere with the operation of the regular course of study in classes, or require a teacher to sacrifice time from the regularly planned program for students.

By Students in the Community

The Board of Education encourages community fund-raising activities to support student clubs, organizations, class functions and other activities.

To help the Board of Education fulfill this obligation, the superintendent will:

1. Provide for the proper supervision of each student group that wishes to raise funds for its activities.
2. Provide for the proper documentation for the collection and distribution of all funds.

3. Provide for a system-wide schedule of solicitations so that no more than two (2) student groups per secondary attendance area will be soliciting funds per month.
4. Only approve fundraising activities agreed upon by the administrative staff and principals.

Each building principal shall submit to the superintendent or his/her designee at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of his/her request to schedule a solicitations activity in the community.

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