

ELECTION ACTIVITIES

Policy No. 4400

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The district, as part of its mission to educate and instill civic virtue, will assure that public funds are not being used to assist in any candidate's campaign or to support or oppose any ballot measure in violation of RCW 42.17A.555, and will assure that the community is appropriately informed about district and education related ballot measures through objective and fair presentations of the facts related to those measures.

The Board will consider adopting resolutions expressing the Board's collective opinion on ballot measures (state and local, including district levy and bond measures) that impact the effective operation of the schools. Such a resolution will be considered at a Board meeting, the short title and proposition number of the ballot measure will be included in the meeting notice, and an equal opportunity will be provided for views on both sides of the issue to be expressed.

Prior to an election on a district ballot measure, the Board of Directors authorizes the district to publish to the entire community an objective and fair presentation of the facts relevant to the ballot measure. Normal and regular publications of the district will also continue to be published during election cycles and may contain fair, objective and relevant discussions of the facts of pending election issues.

Pursuant to any applicable safety or health standard, staff are allowed to wear campaign buttons or similar items while on the job.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop procedures for implementing this policy and is directed to communicate the policy and procedures to staff.

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Cross Reference: Policy Nos. 2022; 5252 Related Superintendent Procedure:

Previous Policies: E22.00

Legal References: RCW 28A.320.090 Preparing and distributing information on the district's instructional program, operation and maintenance — Limitation; RCW 42.17A.555 Use of public

office or agency facilities in campaigns—Prohibition—Exceptions; WAC 390-05-271 General application of RCW 42.17A.555; WAC 390-05-273 Definition of normal and regular conduct Management Resources: *Policy News*, August 2001; PDC Guidelines for School Districts in Election Campaigns (September 28, 2006)