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## **535 LATEX FREE POLICY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the district improves air quality by gradually moving toward the goal of becoming latex free. The goal is to be latex free by 2010.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The school district shall cease the purchase of any products containing latex when there is an alternative available.
- B. The school district will allow the limited use of products containing latex that are currently in inventory unless allergies or asthma in students and staff prevent their use in a classroom or other building locations. Products that should be used on a limited basis are rubber bands, rubber cement and swim caps.
- C. This policy specifically bans the use of gloves, and balloons containing latex unless used to meet a specific educational goal and when an alternative is not available.
- D. It is the responsibility of every school district employee to comply with this policy conscientiously.

### **II. PUBLICATION OF POLICY STATEMENT**

These guidelines should be conveyed to the public and employees through school email services, the School District Newsletter, the School District Web-Site, the Citizen Newspaper, and via letters to local floral shops.