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Section: Community Relations

Community Use of School Facilities

School facilities are available to community organizations during non-school hours at designated times when such use does not:

- 1) interfere with any school function or the safety of students or employees, i or
- 2) affect the property or liability of the District.

The use of school facilities for school purposes has precedence over all other uses.

The use of school facilities requires prior approval of the Superintendent or designee and is subject to applicable procedures. The District reserves the right to cancel previously scheduled use of facilities by community organizations or other groups.

Persons on school premises must abide by the District's conduct rules at all times.

Student groups, school-related organizations, and local governments—School-affiliated organizations, school-sponsored programs, and organizations whose primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to the school are granted the use of school facilities at no cost, unless additional expenses are incurred. Governmental agencies are granted the use of school facilities in accordance with intergovernmental agreements between the Board and the agency. Fees and costs as determined by the Board shall apply to all Other organizations and groups granted use of facilities shall pay fees and costs unless prior approval for a waiver or reduced fee is granted by the Superintendent or designee. A fee schedule and other terms of use shall be prepared by the Superintendent and be subject to annual approval by the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to manage community use of school facilities. Use of school facilities requires the Superintendent or designee's approval and is subject to administrative procedures as specified in 8.20-AP1 and 8.20-E1.

Emergency Use

The Board will make school facilities available for shelter and/or command centers during times of emergencies.

Permission to use any District facility during an emergency shall be obtained from the Superintendent or designee in accordance with established procedures.

Any use of a District facility <u>during an emergency</u> shall be supervised by a District staff member.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §7905, Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.

10 ILCS 5/19-2.211-4.1, Election Code.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.4041, 5/10-22.10 and 5/29-3.5.

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 121 S.Ct. 2093533 U.S. 98 (2001). Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School Dist., 113 S.Ct. 2141508

<u>U.S. 384</u> (1993).

Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of Univ. of Va., 515 U.S. 819 (1995).

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CROSS REF.: 7.330 (Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access), 8.25 (Advertising and

Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities), 8.30

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