

# DRAFT UPDATE

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## Community Relations

### Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

Parent organizations and booster clubs are invaluable resources to the Cooperative's school. While parent organizations and booster clubs have no administrative authority and cannot determine Cooperative policy, the Advisory Board welcomes their suggestions and assistance.

Parent organizations and booster clubs ~~are may~~ be recognized by the Board and permitted to use the Cooperative's name, a Cooperative school's name, or a Cooperative school's team name, or any logo attributable to the Cooperative provided they first receive the Executive Director or designee's express written consent. Consent to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos will generally be granted if the organization or club has by-laws containing the following:

1. The organization's or club's name and purpose, such as, to enhance students' educational experiences, to help meet educational needs of students, to provide extra athletic benefits to students, to assist specific sports teams or academic clubs through financial support, or to enrich extracurricular activities.
2. The rules and procedures under which it operates.
3. An agreement to adhere to all Board policies and administrative procedures.
4. ~~An agreement not to engage in discrimination based on someone's innate characteristics or membership in a suspect classification.~~
4. A statement that membership is open and unrestricted, meaning that membership is open to all parent(s)/guardian(s) of students enrolled in the school, Cooperative staff, and community members.
5. A statement that the Cooperative is not, and will not be, responsible for the organization's or club's business or the conduct of its members.
6. An agreement to maintain and protect its own finances.
7. A recognition that money given to a school cannot be earmarked for any particular expense. Booster clubs may make recommendations, but cash or other valuable consideration must be given to the Cooperative to use at its discretion. The Board's legal obligation to comply with Title IX by providing equal athletic opportunity for members of both genders will supersede an organization or club's recommendation.

Permission to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos may be rescinded at any time and does not constitute permission to act as the Cooperative's representative. At no time does the Cooperative accept responsibility for the actions of any parent organization or booster club regardless of whether it was recognized and/or permitted to use any of the above-mentioned names or logos. The Executive Director shall designate an administrative staff member to serve as the recognized liaison to parent organizations or booster clubs. The liaison will serve as a resource person and provide information about school programs, resources, policies, problems, concerns, and emerging issues. Building staff will be encouraged to participate in the organizations.

CROSS REF.: 8:80 (Gifts to the Cooperative)

ADOPTED: May 2, 2012

**Comment [APowell1]:**  
**OPTION:**  
 If the Board would like to require all parent organizations and booster clubs to have 501(c)(3) status, change the sentence preceding the numbered list to:

*NO* Consent to use one of the above-mentioned names or logos will generally be granted if the organization or club is a 501(c)(3) that has submitted proof of its status and has by-laws containing the following:

To make this change, check the appropriate "yes" box on the PRESS Plus Response Form.

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**Comment [APowell2]:**  
 This alternate language from the footnote has been deleted and replaced with the updated text, below. It has been updated for continuous improvement.

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