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9150 - **SCHOOL VISITORS**

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, other adult residents of the community and interested educators; however in order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, it is necessary to invoke visitor controls.

The Superintendent or building principal has the authority to prohibit the entry of any person to a school of this District or to expel any person when there is reason to believe the presence of such person would be inimical to the good order of the school. If such an individual refuses to leave the school grounds or creates a disturbance, the principal is authorized to request from the local law enforcement agency whatever assistance is required to remove the individual.

Individuals who are registered sex offenders and wish to participate in school activities may be allowed on campus. Conditions may be imposed by the Superintendent on the individual's campus visit(s) governing the terms and conditions of the visit. These conditions may include, but are not limited to, the need to receive prior permission before entering campus, required check-in, an approved escort in the building or at an event, and time or location limitations while on campus.

Except as set forth in District policy canines brought on the premises by law enforcement personnel for law enforcement purposes, or in the case of "service animals" required for use by a person with a disability, or "classroom pets", no other animals may be on school premises at any time without preapproval from an administrator.

The Superintendent shall promulgate such administrative guidelines as are necessary for the protection of students and employees of the District from disruption to the educational program or the efficient conduct of their assigned tasks.

Rules regarding entry of persons other than students, staff, and faculty upon school grounds or premises shall be posted conspicuously at or near the entrance to such grounds or premises, if there are no formal entrances, and at the main entrance to each school building.

Individual Board members who are interested in visiting schools or classrooms on an unofficial basis shall make the appropriate arrangements with the building principal. In keeping with Board bylaws, such Board member visits shall not be considered to be official unless designated as such by the Board.

The Board member shall be visiting as an interested individual in a similar capacity of any parent or citizen of the community. These visits should not be considered to be inspections nor as supervisory in nature.

If, during a visit to a school or program, a Board member observes a situation or condition which causes concern, **the Board members/he** should discuss the situation first with the building principal as soon as convenient or appropriate. Such a report or discussion shall not be considered an official one from the Board. If the Board member believes the situation or condition serious enough, **the Board members/he** may wish to also inform the Superintendent.

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