

POLITICAL PROCESSES

State and Federal Legislation

The Board of Trustees has a responsibility to actively advocate fiscal and public policy that supports the district's schools and the students in the community. This responsibility may include that of lobbying at the state and national levels.

The Board shall identify issues that will affect its schools and the students in its community, establish goals and priorities for legislative advocacy, solicit community input, and adopt legislative positions. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a coordinated plan for carrying out the advocacy agenda, including specific activities, target groups or individuals, staff responsibilities, and timelines.

The Board may provide members of the community with fair and impartial information which may help them communicate with their legislators about educational and students' issues.

The Board may determine how ballot measures may affect the schools. Any Board discussion of the effect such measures would have on the district shall include an opportunity for Board members and members of the public to speak on all sides of the issue. The Board may also adopt positions in support of or in opposition to ballot measures of importance to education.

No district funds, services, equipment or supplies shall be used to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate.

The Superintendent or designee may use district funds to furnish students, parents/guardians and community members with fair and impartial information about the impact of ballot measures on the district.

District facilities may be used for the conduct of forums about ballot measures as long as the forum is made available to all sides of the issue on an equitable basis.

Upon request, Board members and district administrators may appear before a citizens' group to discuss reasons that the Board called an election for the issuance of bonds or a parcel tax measure and to answer questions.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

7054 Use of district property
7054.1 Requested appearance
7056 Soliciting or receiving political funds
7058 Use of forum
35160 Authority of governing boards
35172 Promotional activities

GOVERNMENT CODE

50023 Attending legislature to support or oppose
legislation
53060.5 Attendance at legislative body; expenses
54953.5 Right to record proceedings
54953.6 Broadcasts of proceedings
81000-91015 Political Reform Act
Choice-in-Education League et al v. Los Angeles Unified
School District (1993) 17 Cal. App. 4th 415
Citizens Legal Defense Alliance, Inc., Jarvis v. Miller et
al, Los Angeles Unified School District, Super, Ct. Los
Angeles County, 1978, No. C 230935
Stanson v. Mott (1976) 17 Cal. 3d 206
League of Women Voters v. Countywide Criminal Justice
Coordination Committee (1988) 203 Cal. App. 3d 529, 250 Cal.
Rptr. 161, rev. den.
73 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 255 (1990)

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