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SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Board recognizes the need to develop a school volunteer program to support District instructional programs and extracurricular activities. The purpose of the volunteer program will be to:

- a) Assist employees in providing more individualization and enrichment of instruction;
- b) Build an understanding of school programs among interested citizens, thus stimulating widespread involvement in a total educational process;
- c) Strengthen school/community relations through positive participation.

Volunteers are persons who are willing to donate their time and energies to assist building principals, teachers, and other school personnel in implementing various phases of school programs. Volunteers will serve in that capacity without compensation or employee benefits except for liability protection under the District's insurance program.

An application must be filled out by each prospective volunteer and forwarded to the District Office for evaluation. Each prospective volunteer will be subject to a background check including but not limited to the sex offender registry. The building principal will forward his or her decisions concerning selection, placement and replacement of volunteers to the Superintendent for final evaluation. The Superintendent retains the discretion to approve or reject any volunteer applications submitted for consideration. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall discuss any concerns with the results of the background check with the individual prior to making his/her decision. Following approval from the Superintendent, volunteers selected for work in the District will be placed on the list of approved volunteers. The approval will be effective for the entire school year although the Superintendent reserves the right to revoke that authorization. All individuals will be required to fill out a new application and be subject to a new background check each school year.

Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, 42 USC Section 14501 et seq.
Education Law Sections 3023 and 3028
Public Officers Law Section 18

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