

ABC School District's ("District") Board of Trustees ("Board") appreciates the time, effort, energy and financial support booster clubs and parent teacher organizations/associations ("organizations") provide to the staff and students of the District. These valuable organizations provide a needed source of financial support for school activities. Without them, the District's schools would not be able to provide many of the opportunities that students enjoy through the programs supported by these organizations.

These organizations are separate legal entities from the District. Because these entities are independent from the district, a separation between these organizations and the District must be maintained so that third parties are not misled into believing that an organization is part of the District. In addition, the Board and management must ensure the District is complying with various laws and regulations, and is utilizing best practices, to reduce the risk of error, fraud and noncompliance. As such the District reserves the right to guide the activities of organizations where necessary to ensure compliance with laws and regulations applicable to the District and to ensure best practices are being utilized. This protects both the District and organizations in case of litigation and other issues that may arise.

As a result, the Board encourages administration, staff and employees to support and accommodate the activities of these groups as they contribute to and provide benefit to the District staff and students. The Board also directs the administration to establish regulations and procedures which will provide for an orderly and systematic operation of such groups. The Board further directs the administration periodically to evaluate the productivity and impact of the support groups.

These organizations are established for the purpose of supporting schools or specific school programs within a school. The relationship with the school should never be forgotten. The mission, vision, and goals of the organizations should mesh with those of the schools. Therefore, the following goals have been established for organizations that work with the District or schools within the District:

- The organization officers and other members should work closely with the school administration to establish an atmosphere of cooperation and confidence to ensure that the programs supported by the organization operate smoothly within the school's and District's policies and practices.
- Utilization of consistent and proper accounting practices
- Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations
- Transparency of information shared between the District, school and organization