

Community Relations

Fund-Raising and Solicitation

The Board of Education recognizes the desire of certain organizations and schools to raise funds to support the school activities that they sponsor. Such fund-raising is deeply appreciated, and shall be authorized under conditions that do not conflict with instructional programs. Fund-raising refers to the raising of non-appropriated funds for the educational benefit of students and their school funds.

Any sales campaign, project, or fund-raiser which requires door-to-door solicitation by students in grades K-12 is DISCOURAGED. However, students in grades K-12 that go door-to-door MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Any organization which intends to raise funds benefiting students within the Stratford Public School System must annually register its intent with the Board of Education prior to undertaking such activities; along with this request a copy of the group's completed financial statement, covering last year's activities, must be included. Board of Education authorization is required before any organization can raise funds.

The Building Administrator shall have final approval of all fund-raising activities, and shall be provided with a copy of the group's financial report.

Volunteer groups that raise more than one hundred dollars annually shall keep their own financial records, which shall be submitted yearly to their membership and a copy sent to the Superintendent's office. These records will be available upon request to the public.

Any organization who fails to comply with this policy is subject to review by the Board of Education on a case-by-case basis.

These financial reports are for accountability only, and are not to be utilized as a source for school budgetary concerns.

The Superintendent will annually furnish the Board of Education with an up-to-date listing of all fund-raising activities being conducted by the school system.