RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Board of Education acknowledges that the primary function and responsibility of the school district is the education of students. The Board further recognizes that its interest in helping students understand and respect the law is best served by a close and cooperative relationship with law enforcement agencies.

It shall be the policy of the Board that the building administrator/ designee, shall attempt to contact the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a minor student under the age of 17 years, prior to any interview or questioning by law enforcement officers on school premises, to advise the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pending interview or questioning. The building administrator/designee, shall advise the law enforcement officers seeking to interview or question a minor student, of either the parent(s) or legal guardian's(s) response to the proposed interview of questioning. In the event contact can not be made with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), the decision as to whether to proceed with the interview or questioning of a minor student is within the sound discretion of the law enforcement officials. However, the building administrator/ designee, may be present during the interview or questioning of any minor student by law enforcement officers, where such interview or questioning cannot be conducted in the presence of the minor student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

School officials shall cooperate with law enforcement officers attempting to arrest a student on school premises, or when such law enforcement officers are attempting to execute a search warrant on school premises.

The preceding section does not apply to investigations conducted by law enforcement agencies or those appropriate state and local agencies providing services in relation to the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse or neglect, when acting pursuant to state law.

The Superintendent/designee shall develop regulations, to implement this policy that protect the interests of students and serve the legitimate needs of law enforcement agencies.

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