SUBJECT: Fundraising by Students

Fundraising projects in which students sell merchandise, provide services, or in other ways raise money may be sponsored by school organizations or teachers with the express approval of the Superintendent of Schools, unless delegated to the Building Principal. Local vendors will be given preference when fiscally prudent. Any such plan shall have a clearly defined purpose and the plan must not conflict with instructional programs or with State mandates. Fundraising activities away from school property shall be held to a minimum.

Any fundraising projects in which students sell merchandise, provide services or in other ways solicit money for school activities shall be voluntary, and shall have a clearly defined purpose that contributes to the educational experience of the students. Such activities shall be designed so as not to cause disruption to the school day and shall include appropriate safety precautions to minimize risk of hazards for students, staff members, parents, or the public.

Fundraising contemplated by this policy should be offered to defray the costs of an activity to the entire group. Students will not generally be permitted to raise funds for their own individual and/or personal expenses for any purpose, except as provided in Policy 5510 and any administrative regulations supporting that Policy. No individual shall be deemed to have a personal right or interest in funds raised under this policy.

Door to door sales projects undertaken by any organization or teacher, which use the Williamson Central School name shall require previous approval of the Superintendent of Schools, unless delegated by the Superintendent to the Building Principal. Profits of fundraising project shall be used to enhance school programs by providing money for expenditures not normally funded by the District, or to benefit local charities. Fundraising for charities not locally based shall be kept to a minimum and shall require the approval of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent and Administration are authorized to develop and maintain regulations to give effect to this Policy.

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