



**Policy**

**7370 Political Activity**

Employees shall not use District funds, services, supplies or equipment to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including, but not limited to, any candidate for election to the governing board. This policy prohibits political activity during an employee’s working hours, but shall not be construed to prohibit an employee from urging the support or defeat of a ballot measure or candidate during nonworking time. When exercising citizenship rights, employees should make it clear that they are speaking or acting as individuals and not as employees of the District.

**References:**

Education Code Sections [7054](#), [7056](#); Government Code [8314](#)

**Adopted:** June 28, 2004

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No restriction shall be placed on the political activities of any employee of the District except as provided in Board policy and these procedures.

No District funds, services, supplies, or equipment may be used to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including but not limited to any candidate for election to the governing board.

District resources may be used to provide information to the public about the possible effects of a bond issue or other ballot measure if both the following conditions are met:

- A. The informational activities are otherwise authorized by the Constitution or laws of the State of California; and
- B. The information provided constitutes a fair and impartial presentation of relevant facts to aid the electorate in reaching an informed judgment regarding the bond issue or ballot measure.

Any administrator or Board member may appear before a citizens’ group that requests the appearance to discuss the reasons why the Board called an election to submit to the voters a proposition for the issuance of bonds, and to respond to inquiries from the citizens’ group.

An officer or employee of the District may solicit or receive political funds or contributions to promote the support or defeat of a ballot measure that would affect the rate of pay, hours of work, retirement, civil service, or other working conditions of officers or employees of the district. Such activities are prohibited during working hours, and entry into buildings and grounds of the District during working hours is prohibited. Such activities are permitted during nonworking time. “Nonworking time” means time outside an employees’ working hours, whether before or after the work day or during the employees’ lunch period or other breaks during the day.

**References:**

Education Code Section [7050 et seq.](#)

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