

# **POLICY KJA**

## **Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools**

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Related Entries: KJA-R, GBJC, GBJC-R, IHAF-R, KCD, KCD-R

Responsible Office: Chief of Staff

### **RELATIONS WITH PARENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

To ensure that district-affiliated parent support organizations, which operate independently from the school district, receive appropriate District support and direction in their work done in support of the students, staff, and programs of the Las Cruces Public Schools, and so that such organizations function in a manner consistent with the District’s philosophy and objectives, Board policies, and Administrative Regulations.

#### **II. BACKGROUND**

- A. The Board of Education recognizes that parent support organizations are important partners to the District’s campuses, as well as its athletic, music, and extracurricular programs. Through their fund raising and other initiatives, parent support organizations encourage student programs, activities, and leadership.
- B. It is the Board’s belief that parent support organizations are community partners which assist and promote Las Cruces Public School students, schools, staff, programs, and activities. This policy serves to ensure and maintain an effective working relationship with district-affiliated parent support organizations.

#### **III. DEFINITION**

- A. “Parent Support Organization” means a non-district entity – composed of parents, family and community members – that is formed and operated to provide volunteers, raise funds, and otherwise support a school, a district or school club, sports team, band program, or other student extracurricular organization. Parent Support Organizations include parent teacher organizations (PTO), and booster clubs.

#### **IV. RELATIONS WITH PARENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

- A. Only a Parent Support Organization that has been approved and recognized by the appropriate campus principal may use the District or campus name(s), image(s), mascot(s), and/ or logo(s) in its activities and materials.
- B. Approved district-affiliated parent support organizations may use District

facilities with prior approval of the appropriate administrator in accordance with administrative regulations and Board policy.

- C. Before engaging in fundraising or soliciting of gifts, parent support organizations shall notify the principal or other appropriate administrator identified in Administrative Regulations.
- D. Parent support organizations may not use the tax-exempt number of Las Cruces Public Schools or of any school.
- E. The Superintendent shall establish regulations for the implementation of this policy, including the procedures for formation and district approval of parent support organizations, organization fundraising and activities, and handling of donations from parent support organizations.

V. **REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



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*Board of Education, President*

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*Date Approved*

*History:* New Policy