

BOARD POLICY

**DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION FROM NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND BUSINESSES**

The Bellingham School Board of Directors highly values partnerships and relationships with the community. Support of the district and its schools is encouraged if it aligns with the district's mission and maintains the integrity of the learning environment. In order to accomplish this, commercial advertising on or within district-operated property will be restricted.

The district shall make information available to students, their families or staff at the request of nonprofit organizations if it meets the three criteria established in the procedure and does not impact instructional time nor adversely affect district/school resources.

This policy and procedure is not intended to limit communications from the district, school or parent organizations. The Board recognizes that nonprofit organizations in the community may want to distribute information in the district/schools that have social, recreational or educational value for students, families or staff. However, education of children is the primary purpose of the district/schools and instructional time should not be taken from staff or students to promote community services, however commendable, except as complementary to the instructional program. The Superintendent shall authorize procedures for distribution of information through district channels.

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