

RATIONALE

The Superior-Greenstone District School Board recognizes that involvement in fundraising projects by students and the community supports school spirit and promotes student growth and learning. Underlying these efforts is the belief that it is not the responsibility of parents or school communities to raise funds for basic educational requirements but rather that school communities may raise funds to enhance programs and support school initiatives.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board to permit and to encourage schools to enter into fundraising activities which enhance school programs and support school initiatives, subject to the guiding principals set forth under this policy.

Organizations such as School Councils and Student Councils which are related to the operating of the Board and its schools may engage in fundraising activities provided that the activities have been approved by the School Principal and the activities abide by other appropriate policies of the Board. All fundraising activities will respect:

- The voluntary nature of fundraising activities and avoid any undue pressure being brought to bear on any pupil or family to participate in activities which involve expenses which are to be covered or partially offset by fund raising;

- The normal conduct of classes or the usual routine of the school;

- Age-appropriate activities;

- Supervision of students and safety precautions;

- Accounting policies and procedures for fundraising as set out in the management guideline for the Policy

- All appropriate legislation, including but not limited to the Education Act, the Income Tax Act, the Municipal Act and

In addition to the above, it is the policy of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board that:

Door-to-door canvassing should be discouraged.

Direct solicitation of funds from local businesses/organizations is not permitted.

Voluntary donations from such organizations is permitted with the approval of the Superintendent of Business.

Soliciting funds by political or commercial agencies is not permitted on the properties of Superior-Greenstone District School Board

When an event, trip or purchase is cancelled, the proceeds from fundraising cannot be specifically targeted to a student, but must be used to benefit the school

Schools are limited to raising funds for:

- Day field trips
- Extended field trips
- Special co-curricular projects, such as graduation etc.
- Charities
- Community projects
- Special school/class projects
- Cost of travel to sports competitions
- Cost of travel to co-curricular competition
- Other activities as approved by the Superintendent of Business

Fundraising for the purchase of specific classroom resources is not permitted. However, fundraising for purchases which complement items funded by provincial grants and enhance the overall learning environment of the school is permitted.

All equipment purchased from funds derived from fundraising shall become the property of Superior-Greenstone District School Board and shall be included in the school's equipment inventory list. Such equipment must meet system standards.

Fundraising activities will not result in a person with decision-making responsibilities (including, but not limited to Board staff or volunteers), benefitting materially or financially from the activities. This would not apply in the case of a volunteer or Board staff winning a lottery.