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POLICY ON USE OF BPS BUILDINGS & FACILITIES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES

All building administrators and managers of facilities within the Boston Public School Department should be aware of the Boston Public Schools' policy on the use of its facilities for political purposes.

No Boston Public School facility may be used for predominantly political activity, such as activities in support of political candidates or ballot questions.

Any use of a Boston Public School facility for a predominantly governmental activity with an incidental political activity overlap, such as those activities related to education laws, funding or policies, but not related to specific teaching or learning at a particular school, may only occur with prior notification to and specific approval from the Superintendent or his/her designee. Examples of such activities might include the signing of education legislation, the announcement of educational policies or results, or announcements of receipt of grants or other funds. These examples demonstrate activities in furtherance of the purpose for which governmental funds have been appropriated to Boston Public Schools, with an incidental political activity associated therewith. Any use of a Boston Public School or facility for political activity without obtaining the prior approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee is an unauthorized use and should be considered an "unwarranted privilege" for the purposes of the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest Law.

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