



School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)

Administrative Regulations

ADMINISTRATION

1360

DISTRIBUTION OF UNION/POLITICAL MATERIALS

- Prior to distribution of any material the Board of Education requires teachers and support staff to obtain approval of the Superintendent of Schools when distributing union/political information on educational matters on school property to parents or through students.
- The school or district administration will review the information for its accuracy and relevance to educational matters. Further, the review undertaken will determine the appropriateness of sending the information from the school to parents, taking into account the “pressing and substantial” objectives of the public school system.
- In determining the appropriateness of the materials for distribution, there must be a consideration of the balancing of rights and measures that may be taken to minimally impair the teacher’s right of free speech while at the same time achieving the objectives of the school district.
- Approval will be given or denied in writing within 48 hours of receipt of the material proposed (not including weekends or holidays).
- Should a union/political communication on an educational matter not be approved for any reason, the employer will raise the matter with the local union.
- With respect to the accuracy, the content of the information must be accurate so that the expression is not misleading such that confusion and/or conflict are created. If the content or a portion of the communication is inaccurate/misleading, the employer will identify and request that the employee/union amend the inaccurate/misleading information. If the employee/union refuses to remove or amend the inaccurate/misleading portions as identified, the employer would then ban the entire distribution of the communication.
- Any approved communication by the school district must be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked/addressed to the parent/guardian. Further, in order to ensure there is no confusion regarding from whom this communication is coming, the document itself should clearly indicate the authorship.

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Supt. Signature: