

## **4588 Communication and Distribution of Information from Outside the School**

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**STATUS: ADOPTED**

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### *COMMUNICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION FROM OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL*

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#### Description:

The Board of Education delegates the decisions regarding the communication and distribution of information from outside the school, to the school based principal.

- a) This authority is restricted by policy 4589, and by the Board's intention that no communication permitted in a school shall stigmatize, socially alienate, embarrass, or discriminate against any student or other community group, and
- b) at no time will communication in a school be permitted that is false, inflammatory, libelous or is in contradiction with other Board policy or regulation, and
- c) communication in a school shall not place the Board in a negative or controversial circumstance or undermine confidence in the public school system, and
- d) the school principal will make the final decision whether communication will be for display and/or for distribution. No single group will be given exclusive rights to distribute their materials in schools, and
- e) where materials are judged appropriate for display and/or distribution in a school, the principal will have considered the diverse family constructs and prevailing values of the school community, and
- f) no advertising for commercial gain will be distributed through students.

If an individual or group is not satisfied with the Principal's decision based on this policy, they may request a review of the decision by the Superintendent.