

## 8.07 PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

A school can only be as successful as the chief administrative officer is skillful in utilizing the talents of parents and other members of the community in a decision making capacity. For this reason, it is vital that parent groups and associations play a strong role in the Franklin Local School District.

- A. The Parent Teachers Association (PTA) has long been among the strongest supporters of public education. In fact, the PTA playing an involved and active role is vital to the success of any school organization. Principals, teachers, and all other staff members should seek to strengthen and support the PTA by cooperating in any way possible to provide assistance, materials, facilities or other aid to assist the PTA in helping the schools.
- B. Each school should make a systematic effort to identify parent groups and organizations which are interested in schools and have resources that would enhance the learning program. Plans should be made to cooperate with and to involve such groups in the school program.
- C. Parent organizations desiring to use the name or offices of the District in organizing pupils must obtain the approval of the Superintendent as a prerequisite to organizing.

The Board relies upon approved organizations to cooperate in a manner consistent with public expectations from the schools and reserves the right to withdraw sponsorship from organizations which violate the bounds of community taste.

### **PTA Gifts to the Schools**

Gifts made to the schools become the property of the Board of Education. Their use shall be regulated by the individual school under the direction of the Superintendent or building principal.

- A. Cooperative planning of teachers, administrators, and PTA representatives shall be the accepted method in determining what gifts shall be made. It shall be understood that final determination of the acceptability of the gift shall be made by the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education. This favorable action should be requested before the money is raised for the gift.
- B. It should be understood that it is the responsibility of the Board to spend money raised through school taxes to purchase necessary and needed equipment for the schools, but if money is not available, the PTA should be free to choose items to be acquired and donated to the schools with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools or the Board of Education.
- C. The fact that a PTA unit has given a certain gift to one school does not preclude the purchase of such equipment, supplies, or services for other schools by the Board.

The above policy does not preclude the local PTA from donating gifts to particular school buildings.

## Construction on School Property

No parent organization shall be permitted to build, construct, renovate, place, or install any building, playground equipment, or any other structure or equipment on School District property without the approval of the Board of Education. Any such building, equipment, or structure shall become the property of the Board of Education upon completion of the construction, renovation, or installation.