



**Board Policy**

## **Board Election Campaigns**

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### **Policy Statement**

#### Campaigning in Schools

- Campaigning in the public school by School Board candidates or supporters of individual candidates is prohibited, except that organizations may sponsor all-candidate forums for public information purposes.
- No Board candidate may request that students or employees contribute or work for their re-election. This does not prohibit such persons from initiating contact outside of school/work hours and volunteering, as described in Policy 4018.
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#### Posting or Distributing Campaign Materials

The Board prohibits the posting or distribution of campaign materials associated with School Board elections on district property with the following exceptions:

- Candidates may post up to 3 campaign signs per building between May 1 and the day of the election.
- Campaign materials may be posted and distributed in a school rented for a campaign meeting or being used for an all-candidate forum. Such materials may not be posted until after the school day has ended and must be removed at the end of the meeting.
- Campaign materials may be used as classroom teaching aids in a non-partisan lesson or discussion.

#### Campaign Announcements

- Board members running for re-election may not make announcements concerning re-election during a Board meeting other than during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.
- Statements made during Public Comment must conform in duration, location of the speaker, and use of district equipment or facilities to the normal Public Comment guidelines.
- The Board President or designee may publicly announce the names of all candidates for the School Board, but may make no comments concerning qualifications or incumbency.

### **Responsibility**

The Superintendent shall ensure that all candidates for the Board of Education shall be given a copy of this policy. The Board shall monitor current members and new candidates to ensure compliance.

### **References**

29 Del.C. 5821-5823, 5954  
Related Polices: 2003 Board Organization, 2005 Board Member

	Ethics, 4018 Staff Participation in Political Activities	
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