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### **Purpose**

The Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) recognizes and appreciates the cooperation, encouragement and support given by Booster Organizations/Home & School Organizations to various cocurricular activities operating in its schools. The Board further recognizes that the purpose of such groups is to support and enhance, but not to direct or supplant activities of the District provided program. It is necessary that all District-operated activities remain at the school level and under the control, direction and supervision of the District through its professional employees.

### **Definition**

**Booster Organization/HSA** means any parental support group that provides services, funds, and/or equipment for a District sponsored program. Such programs include both athletic and non-athletic, as well as interscholastic, cocurricular and extracurricular programs.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent and the Board to recognize school-related organizations and to approve their activities.

Booster Organizations/HSA groups do not have the authority to direct the duties of a District employee. The schedule of contests, rules for participation, methods for earning letters and all other criteria dealing with inter-school programs are under the jurisdiction of the local school administration.

Booster Organizations/HSA groups are prohibited from using school property or school time for any political purposes or to support any political or labor organization agenda. Board Organizations/HSA groups shall not use students, student activities, or communications about students in any manner to support any political or labor organization agenda.

### **Finance and Reporting**

The District does not assume any financial responsibility for Booster Organizations/HSA groups and shall not be liable for any claims, damages, demands, liabilities, costs and expenses, including court costs and attorney's fees, from third parties which arise out of or are related to the actions and activities of a Booster Organization/HSA group.

### Policy Conformance

It is understood that Booster Organizations/HSA groups execute their duties and activities for the benefit of the student members supported by the Booster Organization/HSA group. Any organization that is affiliated to the District by name, members, or use of facilities, is required to adhere to and conform to all District policies associated with their membership (including faculty, employees, volunteers, and students).

The Superintendent or designee will develop and publish guidelines which are consistent with this policy.

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