

**RELATIONS WITH POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS  
(PUBLIC FUNDS)**

The board of education believes in the importance of democracy and the rights of citizens to be involved in politics, but recognizes state and federal law that prohibits schools from seeking to influence elections.

School district funds, whether derived from local, state, or federal sources, will not be used for the purposes of influencing elections or ballot measures to be decided by the community or statewide voters.

The school will, in keeping with state and federal law, offer factual information on ballot measures that have the potential to affect district operation, including, opt-out campaigns and bond campaigns, to the public for the purpose of educating voters.

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Legal References:

Hatch Act (Act to prevent pernicious political activities)

SDCL 12-27-20 (Expenditure of public funds to influence election outcome prohibited)

Rapid City Area School District No. 51-4, Rapid City, South Dakota