

9220 GENERAL FUNDRAISING

The Board of Education gratefully acknowledges the willingness of its community members to participate in fund raising activities for the good of the children of Westfield. While the Board welcomes the contributions of its community members, it is important that such private gifts never impact on providing all Westfield pupils with equal educational opportunity. In the spirit of working in partnership with the parents, staff and community members who contribute time and money to the school district, the following guidelines should be followed to ensure that fund raising activities are consistent with the educational goals of the district.

1. School-related organizations, such as PTA's, PTO's, PTSO's, pupil clubs, booster groups and faculty groups, should consult with the school principal prior to their fund raising efforts. Principals should provide these organizations with guidance about the types of fundraising efforts that are appropriate and the types of donations that can best be used by the school and the district.
2. Any person or organization that proposes to make a major gift to the district, such as a major capital improvement or funding an athletic team, must obtain the Superintendent's approval before initiating fund raising.
3. Fundraising in the Westfield Schools to support any non-school organization requires the approval of the Superintendent or designee. Collection of items, such as books, clothing, health items, educational materials or food for the needy, requires the approval of the Principal or designee.
4. Contributions shall be presented by the Superintendent for consideration and approval by the Board of Education. The Board may choose not to accept gifts that:
 - a. are inconsistent with the educational goals of the district;
 - b. cannot effectively be used in the district;
 - c. may involve cost to the district for installation or maintenance; or
 - d. may tend to cause unacceptable educational inequality among schools.