## Community Relations

## Petitions

The Board of Education recognizes that the citizens of the Brookfield community and Brookfield employees have the right to petition at school sites.

Community members and employees who wish to initiate a petition shall present the proposed petition to the building administrator or his/her designee to insure that it meets the following criteria:

- states what person(s) and/or organization(s) is/are initiating the petition;
- indicates the date of its initiation;
- states to whom it will be presented when completed; and
- does <u>not</u> use inflammatory obscene language.

Community members may petition outside of a school building in an area designated as appropriate by the building administrator or his/her designee and may post the petition on a bulletin board in the teachers' room for staff signatures. Employee initiated petitions may only be posted on a bulletin board in the teachers' room.

<u>All</u> petitions shall be available or posted for a period of not more than two weeks from its date of inception, after which the petition shall be removed from the bulletin board. Failure to remove a petition within the time constraints will subject it to removal by the building administrator or his/her designee. Should such removal occur, the building administration or his/her designee will store the petition for a period of not less than thirty days.

Employees who wish to initiate a petition in a school shall do so either before or after the official school hours. Any staff member who wishes to sign a petition shall do so without disrupting the educational process.

No employee shall place petitions in staff mailboxes or directly solicit employees to sign petitions on school property at any time.

There shall be <u>no</u> leafleting of any vehicles in a school parking lot, nor shall leaflets be placed in staff mailboxes.

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