

## **PUBLIC SOLICITATIONS IN THE SCHOOLS**

The Agawam School Committee places limits on commercial activities and fund-raising activities in the schools for the following reasons:

1. The school system will provide students, parents, and employees some measure of protection from exploitation by commercial and charitable fund-raising organizations by determining those that are appropriate for the school system.
2. The school system should not give the public the impression of generally endorsing or sanctioning commercial and fund-raising activities.
3. Commercial and fund-raising activities may disrupt school routine and/or cause loss of instructional time.

Following the guiding statements above, the Superintendent or his/her designee, including principals and directors, may allow occasional commercial or fund-raising activities related to the objectives of the schools with the following exceptions:

1. No direct solicitation of students or employees may take place without school committee permission.
2. No general or class distribution of commercial or fund-raising literature may take place without the approval of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Human Resources.

PTO groups, Booster Clubs, and groups representing school system employees will be considered “school groups” and will be governed by the committee’s policy on staff solicitations. No employee of the school system will conduct any solicitation of his/her business during the school day and/or while acting in his/her official capacity as a school system employee.

LEGAL REF: M.G.L. 44:53A

CROSS REF: GBEB, Staff Gifts and Solicitations  
JJE, Student Fund-Raising Activities  
JP, Student Gifts and Solicitations  
KHB, Advertising in the Schools  
KJC, Booster Organizations

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