POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN ADRIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Political activities in the school will be conducted under the following guidelines and the judgments involved will be rendered by the Administration of each school:

1. Political activities within the school should contribute and become an integral part of a sound educational program.

2. A candidate or an appointed or elected official, if he wishes to contribute to the educational program of the school should be welcome to inform his student constituency of the pros and cons on a political issue.

3. When a candidate of a political party presents his views to students, in the school setting, it is important that the opportunity for presentation of other party views also be provided.

4. School officials should encourage students, as they reach the age of majority, to register to vote. It is proper for school administrators to cooperate with the election officials to establish voter registration facilities within the school building.

5. Teachers must scrupulously seek to make sure that all salient positions are enunciated in an objective manner relating to political candidates and issues.

6. Issues which deal with individual millage or bond issues of the school district are proper items for discussion, but such discussion must involve all aspects of these issues.

7. Students should have access to all types of political information as long as it is consistent with the school system’s educational goals and objectives.

8. It is proper to have political clubs for students in the schools as long as they conform to Board of Education Policies; however, their activities should be restricted to non-school hours.

9. The use of student assembly time for candidates should not be resorted to except as it complies with the normal school assembly pattern. It is desirable that political discussions are included within appropriate courses.

10. County political party chairmen should be the primary resource for dealing with the subject matter and purposes as outlined above involving their party.

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