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I. Introduction

The Lincoln School Committee supports posting appropriate materials in various areas of schools to enhance the school community and educational values. The Lincoln School Community also recognizes and supports students, faculty, staff, and school organizations desire to display material that promotes an event, exhibit, activity, recruitment, or express student opinion. However, posting materials should not detract from an orderly, focused learning environment. This policy provides for appropriate oversight and limitations and also avoids the disruption inherent in the distribution/posting of non-District-related promotional materials

II. Definitions

“Material” or “posted material” for purposes of this policy includes, but is not limited to, banners, leaflets, chalking, posters, flyers, literature, and other visual items that may be put up for display or distributed to students or families.

III. Policy

1. The site-based administrator or designee shall make all determinations as to the appropriateness of any material for a particular school site. All materials to be posted on school property require prior approval by the site-based administrator. School staff and faculty are authorized to immediately remove posted materials that violate this policy.

2. Materials to be posted on school property must directly relate to the community’s cultural, recreational, artistic, or educational opportunities. Posted materials must not promote any commercial, religious, political, or socio-political interest. Consistent with other applicable policies, content on posted materials must be age appropriate and relate to the student’s curriculum.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this policy will not be interpreted or applicable to political signage on Election Day or Primary Day on school grounds designated as polling places for a particular election. The display of any written material or other material is prohibited on school property or at school sponsored events if it is likely to impact any or all of the following: the safety, schedule, work, or discipline of the school.

4. This policy does not apply to posted materials in a teacher’s classroom or put on display by the classroom teacher which are directly related to the district’s approved curriculum.

IV. Development of protocol

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop a protocol and procedures to facilitate this policy.

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Second Reading:

Approved: