

# BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## **File: JJE - FUNDRAISING**

The Braintree School Committee (BSC) recognizes that fundraising activities are used by school-sponsored and parent/community organizations to support school-related endeavors. While the BSC recognizes that fundraising activities have become a part of the school environment at all levels, the Committee wishes to ensure that students are protected in the process of raising monies to support educational opportunities not otherwise funded by the Braintree Public Schools (BPS).

It shall be the responsibility of the Building Administrator to ensure that all approved fundraising requests are in compliance with BSC Policy JJE: Fundraising, and are for the purpose of supporting and enhancing the educational and developmental experiences of our students. A charitable giving campaign that solicits funds for a charitable cause is not considered a fundraiser, but must receive prior approval from the Building Administrator.

The BSC approves of fundraising activities that do not conflict with or disrupt the operation of the instructional program. The selling of products and services, or events that seek pledges and donations of money, including the use of online sites, are considered to be fundraising activities.

BPS fundraisers can be initiated by recognized support organizations. A recognized support organization is a group sanctioned by BPS to conduct approved fundraisers, such as BPS departments, school PTOs, and the Braintree High School Athletic Association. An organization or person(s) with no previous approved fundraiser activity must first obtain approval from the Building Administrator to submit a fundraiser for conceptual approval.

### **General Guidelines**

- Proceeds from fundraisers shall not be used to fund employee salaries or for the payment of services that would normally be considered the responsibility of the Braintree School Department.
- The sale of goods produced by companies for profit, such as magazines, candy, and similar items, is discouraged.
- For safety reasons and because the BSC recognizes that community members receive requests for support from many worthy causes, activities such as canning and door-to-door sales are prohibited.
- Competitive prizes should not be used to reward students for higher levels of fundraising. If prizes are awarded, they are to be distributed to the students discreetly.



- For all student activities and sports, the anticipated fundraising efforts must be disclosed at time of signup or tryout. This information should include, as much as practical, the anticipated spending of the funds.
- Alcohol is not permitted at fundraisers where students are present. This guideline excludes 'dine-outs', which are defined as school-initiated fundraisers at local restaurants, where a portion of proceeds are donated back to the school).
- No student will be penalized or excluded from an event, program or activity due to non-participation by the student or their parents in fundraising activities. Student participation in fundraising events will be strictly voluntary and quotas will not be assigned. However, the cost of involvement in the event, program, or activity may increase for students who choose not to participate in the fundraising.

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