

MECHANICSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: NOTICES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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707.1 NOTICES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>1. In the interest of forging, nurturing and maintaining strong, positive community relations, the Board welcomes the opportunity to provide community organizations another vehicle in their efforts to communicate with the students, parents, employees and members of the school community. The Board, in its efforts to foster and promote environmental awareness and conservation of resources among both students and adults within the community, proposes these communications be shared through the electronic, telecommunications or broadcast media or other means that will obviate the use of paper, inks and other materials that create problems for the physical environment.</p> <p>2. To this end, the Board will offer the electronic resources at its disposal to enable community organizations to share communications through the district through one or more of the following processes in order of preference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Posting electronic links on the district’s website “Community Notices” page to an organizations website, blog or wiki b. Providing space within the district’s website to post the organization’s communication c. Allowing the use of Instant Alert to distribute emails to Instant Alert subscribers or d. In case of emergencies (as determined by the Superintendent) allowing the use of Instant Alert to send phone messages to Instant Alert subscribers.
<p>2. Delegation of Responsibility AR-707.1-1</p>	<p>The Superintendent or his/her designee will implement procedures for the granting of permission to share community communication, limited to notices of meetings, events or activities.</p> <p>All notices from community groups must be reviewed by the Superintendent or designee prior to access to district electronic media.</p>

<p>3. Categories of Groups</p>	<p>The Board may permit community notices by organizations that fit within any of the following categories:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Group 1. School-sponsored student activities (including official clubs, musical groups and intramural and interscholastic sports teams of the District).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Group 2. School-related organizations (including parent teacher organizations, booster clubs, alumni association, wildcat foundation, teacher’s association, and youth sports organizations whose activities are scheduled by the Recreation Department of the District).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Group 3. Other youth sports organizations.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Group 4. Non-profit community, civic and service groups.</p>
<p>4. Community Notices</p>	<p>All notices from community organizations Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be submitted to the district office in PDF format in order to be placed on the MASD website or distributed through an Instant Alert email. Community organizations may provide the district with a link to the activity within the organization’s website. Links will be displayed on the Community Notices page of the MASD website.</p>
<p>5. Required Disclaimer</p>	<p>The following disclaimer will be displayed on the district’s Community Notices web page for Group 3 and Group 4 notices:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THESE EVENTS, PROGRAMS OR GROUPS ARE NOT SPONSORED OR ENDORSED BY THE MECHANICSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT.</p>
<p>6. Right to Refuse</p>	<p>The Superintendent or his/her designee reserve the right to reject notices submitted for display by any individual or organization at any time. The privilege to use the District’s electronic resources is meant to serve all residents of the District as a community service and not to divide the school community or to insult or offend anyone. The district reserves the right to refuse the use of district resources to share community communications when deemed necessary in the public interest.</p> <p>The following guidelines will be used in interpreting “the public interest”:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The organization shall not conduct its meetings and activities or public notices in a manner that incites others to disorder. 2. The organization or its notices is not abusive of other groups by reason of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, or sexual orientation. The District does not implement a specific policy of nondiscrimination for membership so as to avoid conflict with organizations that serve only specific segments of the population, including all boys and girls clubs, programs for persons of a certain age group, or programs for persons of specific cultural

communities.

3. Notices that promote any purpose that is unlawful will be rejected.
4. Notices that promote partisan politics, support a particular political candidate, or advocate a divisive political issue are contrary to the District's interest in maintaining the appearance of neutrality.
5. Notices that are obscene, indecent, vulgar, or outside accepted community standard will not be approved for distribution or display.
6. Responses to notices from Groups 3 and 4 will not be returned to or collected on District property or by any District personnel.
7. Complaints regarding the distribution or rejection shall be presented in accordance with Policy 906, Public Complaints.

CROSS-REFERENCE

Distribution or posting of notices from student to student is covered by Policy 220, Student Expression.