



**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECORUM POLICY**

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Board of Education Approval:

Authority:

Pursuant to the Board By-Laws, General Powers, The Board shall adopt bylaws, rules and regulations, establish Board policies and guidelines for its governance, and for control, government, and security of all public schools, school properties, employees, and students.

Policy:

The following language shall be added to the current Board of Education Decorum Policy.

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The purpose of the Board of Education meetings of the School District of the City of Detroit is to discuss District business and not to deal with individual personalities. Consequently, during any Board of Education meeting (including committee meetings open to the public); the Board shall not permit a personally-abusive attack upon any person during debate or public discussion. Nothing herein is intended to limit or restrain negative, positive or neutral comment about the manner in which an individual employee, officer, official or board member carries out his or her duties in public office or employment.

A violation of this subsection by any public speaker shall result in the public comments of the speaker being interrupted and terminated. Should the speaker continue and cause a disruption of the meeting further action may be taken by the presiding officer in accordance with applicable state and local laws.

Legal References: MCLA 380.431a.(2) (Powers of board as to bylaws and regulations); OAG, 1977-1978, 5332, July 13, 1978