

## ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOLS

The **MSAD #11** School Board believes that, in general, product advertising and/or endorsement is to be discouraged in the schools. The **MSAD #11** Board has an obligation to assure that students, who are required by law to attend, are not subjected to commercial messages of any kind without careful analysis of the benefits and risks that pertain in each instance. Since the issue of advertising in the schools can be attended by strong opinions, the **MSAD #11** Board may seek comments and recommendations from the administration, the professional teaching staff and the community prior to considering any form of advertising in schools, on school grounds or on school buses:

The **MSAD #11** Board is opposed in principle to accepting any programming, equipment or services that are offered only on the basis of mandatory exposure of students to product advertising. The **MSAD #11** Board recognizes, however, that in some instances product names, logos or advertising may be acceptable when the programming, equipment or services can be clearly shown to be of significant benefit to the school program.

The **MSAD #11** Board reserves the right **for the Superintendent** to consider requests for advertising in the schools, on school grounds or on school buses on a case-by-case basis, except that:

- A. Brand specific advertising of food or beverages is prohibited in school buildings, on school grounds or on school buses except for food and beverages meeting standards for sale or distribution on school grounds in accordance with Department of Education rules. For the purpose of this paragraph, "advertising" does not include advertising on broadcast media or in print media such as newspapers and magazines, clothing with brand images worn on school grounds or advertising on product packaging.
- B. Consistent with its efforts to promote a tobacco, alcohol and drug-free environment, the **MSAD #11** Board will not agree to displays of advertising in school buildings, on school grounds or on school buses for tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs (including prescription and over the counter medications), performance enhancing substances or dietary supplements.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 6662

Me. Dept of Ed. Rule Ch

Cross Reference: EFE Competitive Food Sales - Sales of Foods in Competition with the School Food Services Program

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