

## FRAUD PREVENTION AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

### **Authority**

The Board expects all Board members, district employees, volunteers, consultants, vendors, contractors and other parties that maintain a relationship with the school district to act with integrity, due diligence, and in accordance with law in their duties involving the district's resources. The Board is entrusted with public funds, and no one connected with the district shall do anything to erode that trust.

### **Definitions**

Fraud, financial improprieties, or irregularities include but are not limited to:

1. Forgery or unauthorized alteration of any document or account belonging to the district.
2. Forgery or unauthorized alteration of a check, bank draft, or any other financial document.
3. Misappropriation of funds, securities, supplies, or other assets.
4. Impropriety in handling money or reporting financial transactions.
5. Profiteering because of insider information of district information or activities.
6. Disclosure of confidential and/or proprietary information to outside parties.
7. Acceptance or seeking of anything of material value, other than items used in the normal course of advertising, from contractors, vendors, or persons providing services to the district.
8. Destruction, removal, or inappropriate use of district records, furniture, fixtures, or equipment.
9. Failure to provide financial records to authorized state or local entities.
10. Failure to cooperate fully with any financial auditors, investigators or law enforcement.
11. Other dishonest or fraudulent acts involving district monies or resources.

### **Confidentiality**

The Superintendent shall investigate reports of fraudulent activity in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the individuals and facts. All employees involved in the investigation are required to maintain confidentiality regarding all information about the matter during the investigation. Results of an investigation shall not be disclosed to or discussed with anyone other than those individuals with a legitimate right to know, until the results are made public.

## **Prevention**

In order to prevent fraud, the Board directs that a system of internal controls be followed that include but are not limited to the following:

- Segregation of Duties - Where possible, more than one (1) person will be involved in pieces of financial transactions. No one (1) person shall be responsible for an entire financial transaction.
- Payments - All checks over \$100,000 shall have at least two (2) signatures.
- Bank Reconciliations - Bank statements and cancelled checks shall be reconciled by individuals who are not authorized to sign checks, nor involved in check processing.
- Access to Checks - Physical and electronic access to school district checks and accounts shall be limited to those employees with designated business functions.
- Training - Administrators shall be responsible for ensuring that employees under their supervision receive training regarding fraud prevention.