Article VIII.A.19.   **School Involvement in Politics**

Political involvement now carries an added impact on 18 year old high school students who are eligible to vote. Additionally, schools have a new responsibility to emphasize citizenship education.

School time should not be used for partisan political purposes. Candidates and responsible political organizations should be encouraged to use after school hours to reach students. At the discretion of the principal, a room may be provided after school hours and the time and place of the meeting may be announced. Care should be exercised to avoid showing any special favor or partiality to any group or candidate.

This should not be interpreted as discouraging or disapproving planned programs that are part of the curriculum of the school. On the contrary, we should emphasize and encourage student interest and participation in government executives and legislators on local, state and national level.