



Granite School District

2500 S. State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

May 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER EIGHTY-TWO
ELECTION ACTIVITIES

During election years, school officials are often asked about the use of buildings, distribution of materials, and endorsing candidates. While PTA, GEA, GCEA, GASA, GAEOP, and other educator-affiliated organizations may all take positions regarding political positions, groups or candidates, Granite School District (District), and employees acting on behalf of the District, must remain impartial where election activities are concerned. The District, or any employees purporting to speak on behalf of the District or its schools, should take care and avoid showing any special favor or partiality to any position, group, or candidate consistent with Utah Code § 53E-9-203 and § 53G-10-202.

District administrators must take care and avoid favoritism in renting buildings and/or committing District resources to political groups or candidates subject to Utah Code § 53G-7-209 and 210 and Administrative Memorandum Number Forty-Two. No district letterhead should be used in communicating favor or disfavor regarding any candidate or party. No District or school endorsements should be given to any candidates, including to incumbent school board members running for reelection. When acting as school officials, no public or private statements to students or patrons should be made which could be interpreted as supporting one political ideology or candidate over others.

The intent of this memo is not to infringe upon the rights of an individual to act as a citizens where, separate and apart from the role as a District employee, every individual has the right to participate in the political process.

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Dr. Martin Bates
Superintendent