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**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Policy**

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USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education believes that public buildings belong to the people. As such, community groups organized for public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational, or for matters of general or public interest may have access for use of such facilities upon such terms and conditions as established by this policy, or by prescribed rules and regulations.

The Board believes that the primary purpose of schools is for the education of pupils and hereby designates that primary use of facilities are for the school programs and its related activities. Second priority shall be given to school organizations and school related organizations who may have free use of the facilities during non-school hours as prescribed by administrative rules and regulations. Third priority shall be given to non-profit charitable organizations serving the youth of the regional community and fourth priority to non-profit charitable adult groups. Fifth priority shall be given to commercial companies. The use of any facilities of the Brick Township School District shall at no time constitute approval or endorsement, by the Board.

Building Principal is authorized discretionary authority to grant preliminary approval for use of school facilities by commercial companies serving the students residing within the Brick School District. Building Principal will review his/her decision with the Superintendent/or his designee prior to granting approval for commercial use of the school facilities. Superintendent will make recommendations to the Board prior to August 31st as to the results of the implementation of this Policy. Permission to use the facilities shall not be granted to any organization whose purpose is to advocate treason, insurrection, unlawful resistance to, or forcible overthrow of the government of the United States, the government of the State of New Jersey, or any subdivision thereof. The use of facilities by political parties is prohibited.

The Board, however, in this and other instances, reserves the right to deny the use of school facilities should such action be deemed necessary or desirable in the best interest of the school system and the public generally.

Because the Brick School District services a large variety of community groups, the Board feels that such use of facilities shall not be granted in such a manner as to constitute a monopoly for the benefit of any person, or any organization, or any municipality.

A "use fee" shall be established for the purpose of compensating the District primarily for utility and other costs. It shall be the responsibility of the administration to recommend annually or from time to time such "use fee" schedule. Custodial, rental and other fees shall be determined by regulation.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent/or his designee to establish rules and regulations for the use of school facilities. The rules and regulations shall be in enough detail so as to allow and prohibit the use of different kinds of facilities and/or school property. Such rules may call for rescinding of such use or of future prohibition of such use if the organization or company has misused such facility.

Such rules and regulations shall indicate to any organization or company, so denied use of facilities, an appeal route ending at the Board level.

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