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RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Education authorizes the applicable transportation company to implement video and/or audio recording of the interior of any or all school buses while the buses are being used in the transportation of students to and from school and school-sponsored activities. The transportation company may use video/audio recording equipment on school buses to promote transportation safety, to prevent vandalism, to monitor bus drivers, to identify disruptive students and to document the activities of riders during transport to and from school and school activities. Usually, video/audio recording equipment will be placed in the interior front of school buses, facing the rear.

On each school bus with a video and/or audio recording system, a notice will be clearly posted on the door of the bus and on the inside of the bus, stating that video and/or audio surveillance is being used to encourage transportation safety and proper student behavior. Notice of this policy will be included in the District's student handbook(s) and other documents that include Board policies. Notice of this policy will be provided to parents and guardians on an annual basis (via student handbooks or other means, as determined by the Board).

Students found to be in violation of the District's bus conduct rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with District policy and applicable law.

The supervision and control of all video/audio equipment shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Superintendent for Business. All recorded video/audio tapes and unused video/audio equipment shall be inventoried by the Assistant Superintendent for Business, and maintained by him/her in a secure location. Each recorded tape shall be identified by date, route and driver. Recorded video/audio tapes which contain information relevant to good order and discipline on school buses shall be retained for thirty (30) calendar days after the date of recording or until such later time as the Superintendent determines that they are no longer necessary. Recorded video/audio tapes which are not going to be used for the purposes authorized in this policy or which contain no relevant information may be erased and reused immediately.

Recordings made pursuant to this policy constitute confidential records and may only be used by school officials (or their designees) and law enforcement personnel for investigations, school disciplinary actions and hearings, proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, and criminal prosecutions, related to incidents occurring in or around the school bus. For purposes of this policy, the term "school officials" includes members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Principals, Assistant Principals, Deans, transportation company officials and other appropriate personnel.

The video/audio tapes may not be used for general showings to individuals or to groups. The video/audio tapes may not be given to the media. Video/audio tapes may be made available to transportation company officials for use in accordance with this policy.

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Nothing contained in this policy shall be deemed or interpreted to create an employment relationship between School District 93 and any bus driver or other transportation company personnel, or to impose any responsibility upon School District 93 for the supervision or evaluation of school bus drivers or other transportation company personnel.

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