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NOTE: This is an important policy for a Board to adopt as it provides some structure in controlling the investment of time and money regarding Board members' attendance at conferences and workshops. The Board has wide discretion on adopting principles and procedures governing conference attendance; the three items listed in below provide a starting point for the Board's consideration.

SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, WORKSHOPS

In recognition of the need for continuing inservice training and development for its members, the Board of Education encourages the participation of all members in meetings and activities of area, state, and national school Boards associations, as well as in the activities of other educational groups. Board members are encouraged to study and examine materials received from these organizations as well as publications and tapes available in the Board's own library.

In order to control both the investment of time and funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board establishes these principles and procedures for its guidance:

1. The Superintendent of Schools will compile, maintain, and distribute to each Board member a calendar listing school Board conferences, conventions, and workshops, to help the Board decide which meetings appear to be most promising in terms of producing direct and indirect benefits to the school district.
2. Funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted for on an annual basis. When funds are limited, the Board will designate which of its members would be the most appropriate to participate at a given meeting. The Board will reimburse conference attendees (Board members) for reasonable and necessary expenses not paid for directly by the district (travel, hotel, meals, registration).
3. When any Board member attends a conference, convention, or workshop, the member will be requested to share information, recommendations, and materials acquired at the meeting.

Adoption date: