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- (1) The Board of school district No. 1 recognizes the district's has as a paramount concern the safety and well being of the students, staff and other personnel in the schools. The Board further has responsibility for maintaining uninterrupted educational programs for all of its students. Students have a right to an education and the Board intends to protect that right in the event of a demonstration or other disorder disruptive to the school environment. The Board also is concerned for the protection of school property and facilities in such an event. Therefore, the Board of Education of school district No. 1 will take all lawful and the legal steps necessary to achieve these ends through the emergency procedures developed by the superintendent and implemented by building principals to assure that schools will respond effectively to all contingencies and that the preparedness of staff to cope with such disruptions and coordination of plans, as appropriate, with civil authorities will be prepared to cope with all emergencies of a disruptive nature that occur. Further, the Board asks that each student, each teacher, each administrator, and each parent assume personal responsibility to encourage the kind of sober civil relationships that are essential to an orderly society and an educational environment conducive to learning.
- (2) Operating Principles for Controlling School Disturbances Demonstrations.
 - (a) <u>Accountability</u>. Disorder and disruption of the school process for any reason will not be tolerated, and persons attempting such actions shall be held accountable.
 - (b) <u>Law Enforcement</u>. In order to ensure safe and orderly school operations, the district fully intends to enforce all laws and to seek prosecution of those who violate them. Students involved in school disruptions, vandalism, violence or other illegal acts will be subject to suspension or expulsion from Portland schools.
 - (c) <u>Personnel Responsibility</u>. In both preventing and resolving student unrest and demonstrations, all district personnel must plan important and responsible roles.
 - (A) Teamwork is essential at all levels in handling student disorders. Only through teamwork on the part of the school building employees, central administrators, and the Board can disruptive actions be counteracted and the rights of all protected.
 - (B) Any school employee who promotes violation of Board policy, regulation, or school rule, or who promotes student unrest or disruptive behavior will be regarded as insubordinate, as

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having violated basic professional obligations, and will be subject to suspension from and/or termination of employment.

Legal References: ORS 332.072; ORS 332.107

History: Adpt 6/71; Amd 9/83; Amd 9/9/02; BA 2419

