

Topic:

Election Questions/Concerns

Reference or Contact

**Office of
Superintendent**

In response to questions:

1. Is it permissible to announce the election on a District public address system?
Response: Yes. A generic announcement may be made. However, it may not state, "Remember to vote FOR the bond election today" or "Remember to vote FOR John Doe, candidate for Board of Trustees," but can be "Please remember to vote today."
2. Is it permissible for the PTA to send a reminder of the election to parents via students?
Response: This will be a decision for the PTA to make as they primarily operate separate and apart from the District.
3. Is it permissible to include early/branch voting information in campus newsletters?
Response: Yes. A generic statement may be made. However, it may not state, "Remember to vote FOR the bond election today" or "Remember to vote FOR John Doe, candidate for Board of Trustees," but can be "Please remember to vote today."
4. Is it permissible to display early/branch voting information on the marquee?
Response: Yes it can be displayed - this is a public notice available for all to view.
5. Is it permissible for the PTA to invite one candidate to speak at their meeting at school?
Response: Only if all candidates are invited in an open forum type meeting. School buildings and organizations cannot show favoritism by giving one candidate a publicity advantage. Equal time and opportunity by the schools and their organizations must be provided.
6. What about District employees wearing political buttons during the school day at the work place?
Response: Because of the potential criminal implications, the District has determined that it cannot authorize employees to wear campaign buttons advocating that a particular person be elected, while carrying out their duties as a District employee.
7. Is it permissible for nonemployees (such as parents, volunteers, etc.) to wear campaign buttons on District property in District buildings?
Response: Yes, except in building during early voting periods.
8. Is it permissible for employees to display magnetic signs on their vehicles/standing signage in the bed of pickup trucks, etc?
Response: No, unless the signage is not on District property, and if on election day, only if over 100 feet from the entrance of a voting site.