

## **SUBJECT: CENSORSHIP OF NON-SCHOOL STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

It is the purpose of this policy to promote the best interest and ensure the well being of every student in the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES by preventing substantial disruption and/or material interference with school activities and with the general operation of the schools by forbidding publication and/or distribution of literature which contains libelous, obscene, profane statements, prejudicial statements, as well as statements which advocate breaking of state and federal laws as well as school regulations.

The Board, however, does recognize the right of its students to publish or distribute newspapers, magazines and other literature not sanctioned by BOCES. However, BOCES has no responsibility to assist students in the publication of such literature, nor does this Board assume any responsibility for any statements published therein.

The Board permits the distribution of such materials within its schools and on BOCES property only after it has been submitted for administrative review and approval. The Board directs the District Superintendent or his/her designee in keeping with the requirements of the law, to prepare administrative regulations which establish guidelines for students seeking approval for the distribution of non-school publications.

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