

## **MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS AT SCHOOL MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS**

The Board of Education recognizes the occasional need to purchase food for school or district meetings and activities involving district staff, parents, students, or the Board of Education. The provision of meals at meetings shall occur only when such meetings take place during normal mealtimes. At other times, light refreshments may be served. Food should be purchased from the district's own food services or from local food providers, and the cost should be modest and reasonable.

The Board of Education also recognizes that in keeping with customary practice, using district funds to purchase food and refreshments for annual staff and student events is appropriate. The Board will consider annually, in its operating budget, funding for such Board-sponsored occasions as a student, staff, or retiree recognition, a tenure reception, or any other district gathering designed to maintain and improve the working relationship within the school community that serves to benefit the educational program.