



SCHOOL DISTRICT #49 (CENTRAL COAST) Policy Manual

POLICY 240: Freedom of Expression

The Board of Education recognizes that respectful debate about educational issues is important.

In that regard judicial and arbitral jurisprudence has clarified that teachers have the right to engage in political discussion and the freedom to express their views to parents on such educational issues under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms (the Charter). Any restrictions on expression have to be justified under Section 1 of the Charter.

Accordingly, teachers' right to further the debate with parents must be valued, but it must also be balanced with society's interest in an effective and efficient school system which maintains the confidence of students, parents and the public.