

**WINSLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
25 MESSALONSKEE AVENUE
WATERVILLE, ME 04901**

STAFF PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

1. The Winslow School Board firmly believes in the democratic process and in those principles which are a part of the heritage of our nation. The School Board also believes in the exposure of mature students to persons of political prominence as a means through which students are made aware of current events in their community, state, nation and world and the effects of these events upon their individual lives.
2. The School Board, however, opposes those actions which transform the schools into arenas for political activity, including the espousing of any political party or of any candidate for public office to students. It is deemed that such activity can and does create friction within the school and, thus, is disruptive of the educational processes and programs of the school.
3. Nothing in this policy is to be construed as precluding mock elections, debates, conventions, or other simulated political activities, where the activity is primarily intended as an educational experience.

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