

**Paw Paw Public Schools
Internal Monitoring Report**

Organizational Purpose Policy No.: 1300

Title: Mutual Benefits

Policy Statement

Mutually beneficial relationships exist between the Paw Paw Public Schools, their students, and society.

Paw Paw Public Schools educate for the mutual benefit of the students, the community, and larger society, and are supported by the community/ownership to do so in a spirit of cooperation and shared purpose among students, parents, community, staff, and the Board of Education.

Superintendent's Interpretation

I interpret mutually beneficial relationships to mean that our district, its staff and students provide benefits to and benefit from our community and society at large.

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Some of the benefits received from our community and society at-large:

- Operating revenues
- Capital projects revenues
- Police and fire protection
- Athletic and music booster organizations
- Strong volunteer base for school activities
- Financial and moral support from local businesses
- PAC district ambassadors
- Community Dinner support from Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce
- Paw Paw District Library programs and services
- Community service clubs support students/staff
- Village of Paw Paw support for parades and other school events
- Kalamazoo Gazette youth editorial staff
- Courier-Leader coverage of school activities/events

Some of the benefits provided to our community and society at-large:

- Community service activities performed through school organizations
- Fund-raising projects at classroom and school level to support larger causes – such as hurricane relief
- Student/staff participation in Relay for Life
- Student/staff participation in Christmas basket project
- Hall of Fame recognition program
- Various student performances at the PAC and in buildings
- Choir/band concerts K-12
- Student plays/musicals

- Athletic competitions open to the public
- Academic competitions, such as Science Olympiad and Quiz Bowl
- Benefit dinners/fund-raising events for special causes
- Annual senior citizen dinner hosted by middle school students
- Annual Community Dinner
- Middle school as cluster site for WMU interns
- PPS facilities serve as Red Cross emergency shelters
- Food service program caters various events hosted at PPS
- Transportation provides busses for community functions

Our facilities provide a benefit to the community as evidenced by the number of requests received annually. In 2010-11, over 200 individual permits were issued to “non-school” groups and organizations – many involved multiple dates for the same group.

Approximately 30 non-school groups used our facilities and consist of the following:

- American Cancer Society – monthly organization for annual run
- AYSO – practices/games
- Baseball groups – Paw Paw Little League, Paw Paw Youth Baseball, Around the Horn, Sliders
- Blue Star Moms
- Census Bureau
- Class reunion tours
- Coca-Cola employee training
- Student recruiting for corn de-tassling
- Dance Zone
- Detroit Lions basketball
- Drum and Bugle Corp
- Excel Dance Studio
- Freshwater Community Church – ongoing use year-round
- Girl Scouts/Daisy Scouts - 7 troops – some meet weekly/others every other week
- Girls on the Run (March-May)
- Karate – meet Wednesdays at Cedar Street, year-round
- Knights of Columbus free throw contest
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Mad Science (Nov-May)
- Miss Paw Paw Pageant
- Red Arrow Soccer – games/practices
- Rocket football
- State police – basketball game
- Two Rivers Coalition

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- Vacation bible school – 5 area churches – one week in July
- Van Buren County Sheriff's posse
- Wine and Harvest Festival parade gatherings at MAA

Based on the information presented, I report that I am in compliance with the provisions of Policy 1300.



Signature

11.1.11

Date

