

## SURROGATE PARENT POLICY

### *Surrogate parents.*

The Board of Education recognizes the necessity of students to be represented to ensure that the rights of a student are protected if:

- (1) no parent can be identified;
- (2) the District, after reasonable efforts, cannot discover the whereabouts of a parent;
- (3) the student is an unaccompanied homeless youth; or
- (4) the student is a ward of the State.

Therefore, the Board of Education directs that a surrogate parent will be assigned to represent the student in all matters relating to the identification, evaluation, and educational placement of the student and the provision of a free appropriate public education.

Persons selected as surrogate parents will be chosen from a list of individuals who are eligible and willing to serve as surrogate parents. They will have the knowledge and skills that ensure adequate representation of the student and will have no other interest which could conflict with their duties as to the student. Persons selected as surrogate parents may not be officers, employees or agents of the District or State Education Department or other agency involved in the education or care of the student.

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