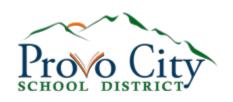
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#### Parent and School Support Organizations Policy Series: 7000 Community

Policy No. 7120

#### 10 **Purpose and Philosophy:**

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12 The Provo City School District Board of Education is committed to a cooperative education

13 partnership among schools, parents/legal guardians, and the broader community. The Board of

14 Education and District Leadership encourage the formation of a parent-teacher-student

association or a similar organization at each school building in the district. The purpose of these
 organizations is to unite the efforts of parents, teachers and students in the enhancement of

17 each school with the mission of the school and of Provo City School District.

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### 19 **Definitions**:

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA): a parent teacher organization that is affiliated with
  the National and State associations that provide by-laws, training, and oversight for
  these school-based groups.
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO): an independent parent teacher organization that is
  not affiliated with any state or national organization and is only affiliated with a
  designated school. This organization must create its own by-laws and auditing
  procedures as per state and federal laws regarding nonprofit, school support type
  organizations.

Booster Clubs: an organization established at a school level that is tied specifically to one group within the school specifically for fundraising purposes.

# 3031 Organization:

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- 33 The Board of Education will recognize only one (1) parent school support
- 34 association/organization per school to align external support with the school's academic
- 35 program, behavioral priorities, and culture. The Board of Education retains the sole right to
- 36 recognize any parent school support association/organization. The Board of Education also
- 37 reserves the right to revoke recognition of any parent school support association/organization.
- 38 Recognizing the disruptive nature, financial cost, and impact the dissolution of a parent school
- 39 support association/organization has on the District, individual school administration, and

40 community, the Board of Education will verify a petition for an election for a new/alternative 41 parent school support association/organization once in a five-year period at an individual school. 42 43 The Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent, or Designee, the authority to develop 44 procedures and guidelines relating to this policy; to intervene if a parent or parent school 45 support association/organization engages in conduct the Superintendent deems detrimental to 46 student welfare, the school community or school operations. The Superintendent and/or 47 designee may limit access to the school for any parent(s) or parent school support 48 association/organization that is not supportive of the school and the educational mission. 49 50 The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and District Administration to establish 51 administrative procedures consistent with this policy, subject to review and approval by the 52 Board of Education. 53 54 A Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) organization may 55 be formed at the school with the recognition of the school principal, and approval of the 56 Superintendent or designee and the Board of Education and after following the attached 57 procedure. for forming a PTA group with the state. Alternatively, a PTO organization may be 58 formed with the required recognition of the school principal, to unite parents, teachers and 59 students in their efforts. 60 61 Booster clubs and/or special interest organizations may be created to support and/or strengthen 62 specific activities in a school or the district. These groups must first receive approval of both the 63 school principal and the Superintendent (or designee) to be recognized as a booster 64 organization, following all processes outlined in Policy 6110. The participation, cooperation and 65 support of school and district staff is encouraged. 66 67 Any individual/volunteer participating in a School Support Organization does not have any 68 authority to bind, to represent or to act on behalf of Provo City School District unless specifically 69 directed to do so in writing by the Superintendent. 70 71 No individual, corporation, association or other entity will be covered under Provo City School 72 District's insurance policies. PTO/PTA groups participating in a school sponsored event (such 73 as an assembly) are covered under State Risk Management policies. However, if the event is 74 not school sponsored (such as a carnival), PTO/PTA groups are not covered. Furthermore, 75 individuals, corporations, associations or other entities will not be covered under State Risk 76 Management policies unless State Risk Management has taken responsibility for those 77 activities. 78 79 Any person(s) performing services for a School Support Organization should look to that 80 organization for any insurance coverage or coverage of risks. Any individual, while working on 81 behalf of Provo City School District for a School Support Organization, shall report any and all 82 discipline issues relating to Provo City School District students or employees directly to the

83 school district for oversight and correction.

85	A School Support Organization may use district/school facilities under the conditions outlined in			
86	Policy 7260, Use of School Facilities and Grounds. Under the discretion of Provo City School			
87	District, rental fees for the	rict, rental fees for the use of district equipment and/or facilities may be waived for School		
88	Support Organizations.			
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91	Legal References:			
92	Policy 6110 Donation and Fundraising Policy			
93	Policy 7260 Use of School Facilities and Grounds			
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96	Board Approved:	January 13, 2015		
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