

## **SCOPE AND APPLICATION**

**Relative Information:** This Manual is intended to serve, along with state law, as the primary resource for all matters relative to District policy. It is prepared by the Board of Directors to assist individual members in the conduct of their responsibilities as elected public officials.

No policy manual can anticipate the full range of topics and situations that may arise. As new issues arise, new policy is established and/or existing policy modified. While these policies are intended to provide clear and consistent direction, the Board may, at its discretion, deviate from these policies if the current policy is found to be inappropriate. In such cases the decision should be documented and a determination made if the current policy requires modification.

**Policy Statement:** It is the policy of the Board of Directors to recognize this Manual as the official reference source for District policy and that in order to remain a useful reference source it must be reviewed and updated to reflect changes in policy.

It is the policy of the Board to authorize the Fire Chief to interpret and apply these policies within their written and stated intent and that deviation from these policies may only be applied in an emergency or to avoid a hardship for the District.