OLD TAPPAN BOARD OF EDUCATION **FILE CODE: 6145.5**
Old Tappan, NJ 07675 **Policy**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Board acknowledges the importance of offering students the opportunity to participate in self-government within the framework of the middle school. Students shall have the right to organize, conduct meetings, elect officers and representatives, and petition the Board.

The Board will recognize the student council as the official voice of the student body including students in all grades for the purpose of:

A. Giving students practical experience in organizing, planning and affecting outcomes;

B. Developing student leadership;

C. Providing a learning experience in democratic decision-making;

D. Offering another avenue toward the realization of the goals of this District.

The Board shall appoint qualified members of the faculty to serve as advisor to student government activities.

The student council shall be responsible for the planning and organization of its own government, student social events, fund-raising projects, activities and projects suggested by students, and recommended policy changes.

The Board shall appoint qualified members of the faculty to serve as advisors.

Legal References:	N.JS.A. 18A:42-5	Certain student organizations declared harmful
	N.J.S.A. 18A:42-6	Organizations forbidden in high schools; rules; exceptions

Cross References:	*3453	School activity funds
	*5131	Conduct/discipline
	9140	Board representatives

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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