

Election Leaflet Distribution Info

February 22, 2019

Dear UFT Solidarity Election Volunteers,

Thank you for taking the initiative to spread Solidarity campaign literature. The UFT bulletin board is to be used predominantly for official UFT business. Consistent with Chancellor's Regulation D130, and Article 19F of the teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement, it is the UFT's position that a limited portion of the union bulletin board, located in an area closed to students, can be used in a reasonable way to disseminate appropriate campaign material. Any campaign literature posted on a bulletin board must clearly indicate in some way that it is election material.

Paragraph 4 of Chancellor's Regulation D130 states the following:

4. Staff mailboxes and union bulletin boards in schools and district and central headquarters offices are to be used for the following purposes only:

- (1) by schools and district and central offices for the dissemination of educationrelated materials and other schoolrelated information; and
- (2) by the union for the dissemination of union related materials. **Toward that end, the union may: a. Place materials advocating the election of a candidate, candidates, slate of candidates or political organization/committee in staff mailboxes. b. Post materials advocating the election of a candidate, candidates, slate of candidates or political organization/committee on union bulletin boards located in areas closed to students.**

If you are having issues distributing material at a school, even after showing the excerpt from the and email from Labor Relation attorney, please call the school's attorney below and inform them. Also email info@uftsolidarity.org and UFT Election Chair Amy Arundell aarundel@uft.org

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February 25, 2019

Dear Sir/Madam:

As you probably know, the UFT elections are in March-April 2019. As such, UFT members will be requesting access to staff mailboxes and the union bulletin board.

This request is within the scope of the Chancellor's Regulation D130, which states:

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UFT Solidarity, a caucus in the UFT, in accordance with the Chancellor's Regulation, respectfully requests access to staff mailboxes and the union bulletin board. In order to make our visits as seamless as possible, we are requesting that you provide days and times that will not interfere with the daily functioning of the school's day-to-day business. Based upon your availability, we will coordinate with our members in order to disseminate election material at mutually convenient times.

We look forward to working together in an effort to ensure the above regulation is adhered to.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,

UFT Solidarity Council

Solimando Karen
to me, Gounelas ▾

Nov 13 (8 days ago)

← Reply ▾

Dear Mr. Portelos:

I do not have an updated version and this is still in effect.

Regards,

Karen Solimando
Deputy Director
Office of Labor Relations
[212-374-7990](tel:212-374-7990)

From: Francesco Portelos [mailto:mrportelos@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 7:03 PM

To: Solimando Karen <KSolimando@schools.nyc.gov>; Gounelas Dimitrios <DGounelas@schools.nyc.gov>

Subject: Campaign for Union Offices

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Ms. Solimando and Mr. Gounelas,

We noticed that the attached 2001 memo is from the Office of Labor Relations. Would you happen to have either a cleaner or updated version? We're sure this is still in effect, but when shown to some school staff they question the validity because it says Harold Levy and is almost 15 years old.

Sincerely,

Francesco A. Portelos



BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HAROLD O. LEVY, Chancellor

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
110 LIVINGSTON STREET - BROOKLYN, NY 11201

January 18, 2001

MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Directors, All Superintendents and Principals of All Schools

From: Dale C. Kutzbach *D. C. K.*
Director

Subject: Campaign for Union Offices

The Board of Education is neutral with respect to elections for union offices and continues its policy of permitting rival factions within unions to disseminate non-inflammatory election material in employee mailboxes.

Requests have been made in the past for an opportunity to speak to employees in support of candidates for union office. It has been policy to refuse such requests.

Requests for personal business days, unpaid non-attendance or other leave to engage in electioneering should be denied. Principals and administrators whose schools or offices are visited by individuals claiming to be employees during their working hours should obtain the names of these individuals and forward them to my office for investigation. Their requests for admission to the schools or offices should be denied. However, retired employees and employees represented by the affected union, during non-working time, should be admitted to schools or offices to disseminate non-inflammatory election material in employee mailboxes provided that it does not cause a disruption in normal operations.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining.

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