

### **EQUAL ACCESS**

While it is not the intent or purpose of the Board of Education to establish religion or promote or endorse any philosophical, political, or other cause, the Board shall not deny equal access or a fair opportunity, or discriminate against, any students of the East Cleveland City School District who wish to conduct a meeting within the school buildings of this District on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meeting, provided that the following conditions apply:

- A. The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated;
- B. There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the Board or its agents or employees;
- C. Employees or agents of the Board are present at religious meetings only in a nonparticipatory capacity;
- D. Nonschool persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

Such student groups shall comply with Board policy governing the use of buildings, and any request to use a school facility may be denied if it is determined that the meeting may materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school. To this end, groups which encourage or promote criminal or delinquent behavior, bigotry, or racism will not be permitted to meet on school premises.