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Dissent/Freedom of Speech

The Board of Education of Montville recognizes that it is the local entity responsible for education - that educational leadership rests with the Board, its administrators, the school principals, and teachers.

We recognize the right of students to dissent - peacefully - so long as the day-to-day educational process is not disrupted or hampered.

When such dissent includes violation of the rights of other students to an education, when such dissent involves force, threat of force, or actual law violation, those responsible will be summarily suspended from school, ordered from the campus, and, if necessary, law enforcement agencies called in to enforce the order.

Thereafter, the case of the suspended student will be handled on an individual basis in line with the policy of the School Board.

It will be the duty of the teacher or administrator in charge to see that order is maintained and that the right of the majority to pursue their education is not abridged by those who would disrupt that aim.