Mendocino Unified School District

Board Policy 3515.4

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Business and Noninstructional Operations

Recovery for Property Loss or Damage

The Governing Board shall seek reimbursement of damages from any individual or from the custodial parent/guardian of any minor who commits any act of theft or vandalism.

If law enforcement officials are unable to fix responsibility for the theft or vandalism, the Superintendent or designee is authorized to offer a reward in any amount he/she deems appropriate, not exceeding \$2,500, for information leading to the identification and apprehension of the guilty party. A reward in excess of \$2,500 must be authorized in advance by the Board.

A reward shall be paid only when criminal conviction or other appropriate judicial procedures have established the guilt of the person(s) responsible for the crime.

Legal References:

Education Code

19910 Malicious cutting, tearing, defacing, breaking, or injuring

19911 Willful detention of property

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

48904 Liability of parent or guardian for willful misconduct; withholding of grades, diplomas, and transcripts Civil Code 1714.1 Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor

Government Code

53069.5 Reward for information concerning person causing death, injury, or property damage; liability for reward

53069.6 Actions to recover damages

61601.1 Graffiti abatement district

Penal Code

484 Theft defined

594 Vandalism

640.5 Graffitti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity

640.6 Graffiti