

RESOLUTION 2023-
**A RESOLUTION LIMITING DISPLAY OF FLAGS, BANNERS,
SIGNS AND SYMBOLS IN THE CLASSROOM**

WHEREAS, the Big Walnut Local School District Board of Education acknowledges its responsibility to act as a representative body for citizens in all matters related to programs and operations within the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of classroom spaces as environments exclusively dedicated to enriching content area learning and inspiring academic success for our students; and

WHEREAS, the Board understands that flags, banners, signs, or symbols displayed in classrooms or school buildings can have a significant impact on the educational environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that while ultimate responsibility for public education rests with the State, it is granted specific authority through statute to make decisions that directly affect the educational experience of our students and the broader school community; and

WHEREAS, the Big Walnut Local School District Board of Education is committed to making decisions that align with our declared educational philosophy and goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Big Walnut Local School District Board of Education, on this day November 16, 2023, that The display of flags in classrooms shall be limited to the following:

- a. The United States flag
- b. The State of Ohio flag
- c. Military flags
- d. Flags from other states and other countries

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that banners, signs, or symbols that promote activist causes, or are otherwise deemed controversial, shall not be displayed in classrooms or school buildings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and shall apply to all classrooms and school buildings within the Big Walnut Local School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall ensure that this resolution is communicated to all district administrators, teachers, and staff, and that it is implemented consistently and in accordance with the principles set forth herein.

ADOPTED by the Big Walnut Local School District Board of Education on this 16th day of November, 2023.