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<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:42-4	Distribution of literature as to candidacy, bond issues, or other public question to be submitted at election; prohibited
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Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 56 U.S.L.W., 4079, decided January 13, 1988

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*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.