**Policy for Chaperoning of Speech Tournaments**

In order to bring the chaperoning of speech tournaments into line with the practice of the Bancroft athletic department as well as various legal concerns, the following policy is adopted:

1. All speech tournaments officially attended by the Bancroft School Speech Team must be chaperoned by a faculty member. That faculty member must be present for the duration of the tournament day.
2. If a faculty member is not present, no member of the Speech Team may attend any tournament as an official representative of Bancroft School.
3. If allowed by any particular tournament, Bancroft students may attend that tournament as an “independent” entry. In that case, ALL chaperoning, organization, registration, travel and fees are the responsibility of that team member and his/her parent(s). That student would be subject to whatever limitations and stipulations that a tournament has for independent entries.
4. When a student attends a tournament as an independent entry, they will not be competing as representatives of Bancroft School. Such students must be chaperoned by their own parent or by a designated representative chosen and approved by that student’s parent. The school and coaches of the team will not organize those chaperones nor give approval for particular chaperones. Those chaperones will not be considered the representatives of Bancroft School and must be organized independently from the school or the team.