

COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS

The Board of Education strives to conduct district affairs by way of a continuing, open dialogue between the community and the schools. Given district residents' high level of interest in the education of children, the Board wishes to maintain its high level of sensitivity to the needs and desires of the community and to act expeditiously to meet changing needs and conditions.

To this end, the Board establishes the following goals for community involvement:

1. to provide every possible means whereby all residents of the school district may have the opportunity to contribute their best thinking to the orderly planning of education for children in the district;
2. to develop and maintain the most effective means of communication possible with the people of the district;
3. to understand community attitudes and aspirations for the schools;
4. to encourage contributions from the parent-teacher associations of the district so that school personnel and parents cooperate to advance the educational welfare of the children;
5. to handle all complaints from the public by the administrative officer in charge of the unit of the school district organization closest to the complainant. However, such complaints be solved at that level;
6. to promote a spirit of cooperation among the Board, the schools, and the community;
7. to develop and maintain the confidence of the community in the Board and the school district staff;
8. to ascertain the community's opinions and desires with respect to the operations of the school system, and to incorporate that knowledge into its actions; and
9. to develop arrangements among civic and community organizations for sharing of resources, especially in the creation of programs designed to benefit students.

Notwithstanding the above, the final decisions in these areas will rest with the Board.

Note: Policy added (replacing prior policies, Policy Manual, 1100; 1150; 1200)