

**CONCEPTS AND ROLES**

The School Board recognizes that local, regional, national, and international organizations, Alaska Native tribes, and all levels of government share its concerns and responsibility for the welfare, health and safety of our youth.

The School Board further recognizes that the state and local community determine the number of educational programs available and the quality of the educational process in general. Therefore, it is imperative that members of the community work with the School Board and staff in developing sound educational policies, implementing programs and establishing an effective evaluation process for those programs.

School/community relations cannot merely be described as a process of reporting and interpreting, but rather can be characterized as a partnership in pursuit of excellence. It is a partnership in which community members, educators, and other school personnel perform their respective roles in view of the best interests of the schools and, most importantly, the students.

The administration is responsible for all public communication except for such matters as the School Board may wish to deal with publicly itself.

*(cf. 1100 – Communication With The Public)*

*Legal Reference:*

*Alaska Statutes*

*14.03.120 Education Planning*

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title VII, Part A, Subpart 1; 20 U.S.C. 7421-7429, 7491-7492

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