

Community Relations

Communications with the Public

General

The Board of Education believes it is important to inform the public about school curriculum, programs, and activities so citizens can participate in these programs. Concurrently, the school staff, administration, and Board of Education should be aware of the community's goals and concerns for its children so they may be given consideration in curriculum, program, and activity revisions.

To this end, the Board supports and encourages various means such as publications, press releases, open houses, and other public events to disseminate school district information and to hear from the community.

Administration of the Community Relations Program

The School and Community Relations Program shall be a concurrent responsibility of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools shall work with members of the Board of Education, school staff, parents, and community volunteers to conduct an active and comprehensive informational program throughout the school district.

Staff members shall be kept informed of community relations efforts, and their support and participation in such efforts shall be sought.

News of Board of Education Meetings and Activities

The Board of Education believes in the widest possible dissemination of news concerning the school and shall cooperate fully with the press, radio, and television to assure that news coverage is complete, balanced, and accurate.

Board minutes shall be available in unapproved form, within seven days of a Board meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; a written record of Board votes shall be available for public inspection in the Superintendent's office within 48 hours of a Board meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. (In determining the time herein, any day on which the Board office is closed shall also be excluded.)

It should be made clear to anyone wishing to review the minutes that they are unofficial until approved by the Board of Education.

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Parent Involvement

~~The Board of Education believes that the education of children is a cooperative effort among the parents, school and community.~~

~~The Board believes as research demonstrates, that increased parent involvement improves student achievement. Parent involvement initiatives in the school system will accommodate diversity, be flexible and creative, promote effective two way communication, and offer opportunities for all parents to participate. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all district staff.~~

~~Each school will develop an annual plan for parent involvement activities. The plan of each school shall contain, but not be limited to, the fulfillment of the statutory requirement, of two flexible parent teacher conferences for each school year. It is expected that this will create opportunities for collaboration between and among schools. The Superintendent will report annually to the Board of Education on district and school parent involvement activities.~~

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-220 Duties of boards of education.

10-221(f) Boards of Education to prescribe rule(s), policies, and procedures as amended by PA 97-290 and by P.A. 10-111, An Act Concerning Education Reform in Connecticut.

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