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321 PROFESSIONAL VISITORS AND OBSERVERS

One of the ways that Board members and staff members can improve their effectiveness and the quality of the education of the students is through visitation of school systems with novel, experimental, or innovative programs. As a consequence, Board members visit other school systems occasionally and encourage the staff to do so. Recognizing the value of professional visiting, the Board also welcomes professional visitors to its own schools.

To ensure the continuity of the educational program and guard against classroom interruption, delegations desiring to visit our system, or any particular part of it should make arrangements through the superintendent. The superintendent then can make the necessary arrangements to have someone knowledgeable in the area they wish to see assist them in their visit. This will also ensure that the part of the program they wish to visit will be operational on their arrival and will guard against undesirable interruptions in the scheduled programs of students and staff members.

Professional visitors arriving at schools unannounced should be directed to the superintendent's office. They will be accommodated only if this does not interfere with scheduled plans of staff members.