

DRAFT UPDATE

Oak Park School District 97

8:110

Community Relations

Public Suggestions and Concerns

The Board of Education is interested in receiving suggestions and concerns from members of the community. Any individual may make a suggestion or express a concern at any District or School office. All suggestions and/or concerns will be referred to the appropriate level staff member or District administrator who is most able to respond in a timely manner. Each concern or suggestion shall be considered on its merit.

An individual who is not satisfied ~~after following the channels of authority~~ may file a grievance under the Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. ~~The Board encourages, but does not require, individuals to follow the channels of authority prior to filing a grievance.~~ Neither this policy nor the *Uniform Grievance Procedure* creates an independent right to a hearing before the Board.

Also please refer to the following current agreement:

Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Board of Education Oak Park District 97 and The Oak Park Teachers' Association IEA-NEA

CROSS REF.: 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 2:230 (Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board), 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 3:30 (Chain of Command), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Programs), 8:10 (Connection with the Community)

ADOPTED: ~~August 24, 2015~~

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The policy is amended to clarify that while individuals may file a grievance under 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, "the Board encourages, but does not require, individuals to follow the channels of authority prior to filing a grievance"

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