

Community Involvement in Decision Making

The Board of Education endorses the concept that community participation in the affairs of the schools is essential if the school system and the community are to maintain mutual confidence and respect and work together to improve the quality of education for students. It therefore intends to exert every effort to identify the desires of the community and be responsive, through its actions, to those desires.

All citizens of the district are encouraged to express their ideas, concerns and judgments about the schools through such means as written suggestions or proposals; presentations at hearings; responses to surveys made through interviews, written instruments or other means; comments at meetings of the Board; service on citizens' advisory committees; participation in focus groups and involvement in community engagement processes.

The advice and concerns expressed by the school community and/or within the school district will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such input, the first concern will be for the educational program as it affects students. The Board's final decision may depart from the views expressed by some members of the school community when in the judgment of the staff and the Board such advice is not consistent with the goals adopted by the Board, such views are not consistent with good educational practice or within reach of the financial resources available.

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CROSS REFS.: BDF, Advisory Committees
BEDH, Public Participation at School Board Meetings

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