

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING

The Board shall encourage the involvement of citizens to fulfill the mission of the schools through such means as hearings, surveys, informational meetings etc., where the Board may hear and evaluate community opinions as it conducts its responsibilities.

The School Board recognizes that the public has vested resources of training and experience useful to schools. The strength of the local school district is in large measure determined by the degree to which these resources are tapped for advisory purposes and to the degree that these resources are involved in supporting the improvement of the local educational program.

The Board shall encourage the involvement of citizens both as individuals and as groups to act as advisors and resource people in ways such as the following:

1. In solving specific problems
2. In extending the instructional services of the classroom teacher in those instances where the specific talents of the lay person or persons complement such service
3. In serving as advisory people to curriculum development projects.

The advice of the public will be given consideration. In the evaluation of such contributions, the first concern will be for the educational program as it affects the pupils. The final decision may depart from this advice when in the judgment of the administrative staff and the Board such advice is not consistent with goals adopted by the Board, current educational practice, or within the reach of the financial resources available.

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