

811 PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

Residents of the community shall be encouraged to take an active part in school affairs. Such persons may be invited to act as advisers individually and in groups as follows:

1. In clarifying the general ideas and attitudes held by district residents regarding schools;
2. In developing broad policies under which the school system is to be managed;
3. In establishing administrative arrangements and regulations designed to implement the policies;
4. In determining the purposes of courses of study and special services to be provided for students;
5. In evaluating the extent to which these purposes are being achieved by present practices;
6. In giving volunteer assistance to the professional staff in the actual operation of classes and services where the staff deems such aid valuable, and under the supervision of staff;
7. In solving a specific problem or set of closely related problems about which the Board must make a decision;
8. In the operation of school related agencies.

The Board and the staff shall give substantial weight to the advice which they receive from individuals and community groups interested in the schools, especially those individuals and groups which they have invited or created to advise them regarding selected problems, but the Board and staff shall use their own best judgment in arriving at decisions.

School Meetings

The Board encourages exploration and utilization of ways by which each school building or campus can be used to provide additional channels of communication between the citizens of the district and the schools. The Board shall conduct open forums periodically in schools to hear citizen views about public education in this school district.

CROSS REF.: 186, Citizens' Advisory Committees to the Board

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