

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** ***(Community Engagement Plan)***

### **Community Engagement Plan Development**

This community engagement plan reflects a cooperative process between the board and community members. It describes the various methods the board will use to engage with the community to address issues related to the district's beliefs, mission and vision. These activities are in addition to the opportunity for district residents to place items on the board agenda in accordance with policy BDDH.

During the 22-23 school year, the Van Buren R-1 School District sought feedback from the community with its Culture and Climate survey, Title I Family Engagement survey and from the CSIP committee. The district's CSIP committee was composed of staff, administrators, board members, and community members. The information gained from these sources is detailed in the CSIP and Communication Plan of the district. This plan was posted on the school's website for comment from June 16-23, 2023.

### **Plan Components**

This plan was developed with input from staff and patrons from within the district. The plan provides a number of communication events and tools from the classroom, building, and district levels to ensure parents are informed.

### **Planned Engagement Activities**

#### **Classroom**

- Meet the Teacher Events
- Classroom Newsletters
- Remind Notifications
- Positive Parent Phone Calls

#### **Building**

- Open House
- Social Media Posts
- Title I Parent Advisory Meetings
- Various events throughout the year
- Positive Office Referrals

## District

- Bulldog News, Monday evening messages
- Parent Culture and Climate Surveys
- District Website, new Communications section
- Social Media Platforms
- Board Meetings
- Media Releases
- School Messenger Notification System and app
- Provide Communication to Board of Education:
  - by phone at 573-323-4281 ext 7
  - by emailing [comments@vanburen.k12.mo.us](mailto:comments@vanburen.k12.mo.us)
  - by [submitting](#) a suggestion
  - by mailing to Marilyn Sanders PO Box 550 Van Buren, MO 63965

## Potential Obstacles and Challenges

The Van Buren R-1 School District is committed to engaging and communicating with members of the public. We recognize there may continue to be obstacles and challenges to community participation (for example, accessibility, childcare, transportation, Internet access, and work schedules) and the district is committed to assisting individuals and groups to overcome these challenges.

## Activity Evaluation

The district will evaluate its communication and community engagement plan by seeking feedback from the district website and survey data. Patrons may share feedback by contacting us in the manner they choose.

## Plan Evaluation and Revision

The board and engagement activity participants will review this plan annually. The plan may be revisited more frequently at the request of the board or community members.