

## SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### Communication and Connection With Community

#### Public Relations

The Board President is the official spokesperson for the School Board. The Superintendent is the District's chief spokesperson. Individuals may speak for the District only with prior approval from the Superintendent. The Superintendent or designee shall plan and implement a District public relations program that will:

1. Develop community understanding of school operation.
2. Gather community attitudes and desires for the District.
3. Ensure adequate financial support for a sound educational program.
4. Help the community feel a more direct responsibility for the quality of education provided by their schools.
5. Earn the community's goodwill, respect, and confidence.
6. Promote a genuine spirit of cooperation between the school and the community.
7. Keep the news media accurately informed.

The public relations program should foster an environment of transparency and may include:

1. Regular news releases concerning District programs, policies, activities, and special event management for distribution by, for example, posting on the District website or sending to the news media.
2. News conferences, interviews, and official Board or District statements, as requested or needed. The Board President and Superintendent will coordinate their respective media relations efforts. As official spokesperson for the Board, the Board President will communicate on behalf of the Board to the news media and community. Statements made by Board members when not authorized by the Board will be considered personal comments of the Board member, and Board members are encouraged to identify such statements as their personal opinions. Official Board or District statements (other than those made directly to the media) will be made through the District website and/or its social media accounts, at official District events, or through other official communication methods, such as District email or mailings. Individuals may speak for the District only with prior approval from the Superintendent.
3. Publications having a high quality of editorial content and effective format. All publications shall identify the District, school, department, or classroom and shall include the name of the Superintendent, the Building Principal, and/or the author and the publication date.
4. Other efforts that highlight the District's programs and activities.

#### News Releases

All District 29 press releases shall be reviewed by both the Superintendent and the Board President.

#### Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings

Any person may tape or film an open meeting of the School Board provided that the recording does not interfere with the overall decorum of the meeting. The School Board may establish reasonable rules to govern such recording.

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